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**ABERDEEN** (GEORGE HAMILTON GORDON, 4TH EARL OF), *Prime Minister*. His remarkably interesting Correspondence with the Right Honble. John Wilson Croker, Secretary to the Admiralty. Comprising no less than 61 HOLOGRAPH LETTERS, SIGNED, and covering about 160 pages, 4to and 8vo.

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The period covered by these important letters commences in June 1828 and terminates in the same month 1852.

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Lord Aberdeen's (as Secretary for Foreign Affairs) conciliatory language upon this subject soon changed the character of the American negotiations, and in 1843 he was dispatched to Washington with full powers to conclude a definite treaty upon the matter.

There are also several long and important communications refuting Wraxall's insinuation that Pitt received money from Lord Abercorn (whose daughter, Lady Catherine, the Earl of Aberdeen married) for creating him a Marquis.

Included in this Correspondence are 9 copies of letters from Croker to Lord Aberdeen.

*This historically important series of political letters is almost entirely unpublished. Only five are partly published in Jennings' "The Croker Papers."*

Moreover, this is *the sole correspondence* of the Earl of Aberdeen that has, to our knowledge, *occurred for sale.*

The noble writer of these letters was remarkable for his love of justice, honesty, and simplicity. The Earl's appearance among the "Edinburgh Reviewers" gave rise to Byron's lines in "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers":—

"First in the oat-fed phalanx shall be seen  
The travell'd thane, Athenian Aberdeen."

Aberdeen founded the Athenian Aberdeen Society, and wrote an article on Gell's "Topography of Troy" for the "Edinburgh Review."

In the "great" Duke of Wellington's administration the Earl became Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the Cabinet (1828), and Foreign Secretary in June of the same year. Owing to his friendship with Guizot he established a better understanding between England and France, and upon the occasion of President Polk's famous Inaugural Address in 1845, and in spite of the warlike tone engendered in England and America by its publication, Aberdeen embraced the first opportunity of renewing negotiations relative to the north-western boundary, with the result that the Oregon Treaty terminated a controversy which had been a constant source of danger for many years.

In December 1852 the Earl became Premier, and Gladstone served under him as Chancellor of the Exchequer. It was during Aberdeen's premiership, and in part, at least, due to his action, that the Crimean War broke out.

The Earl died in 1860.

In the present letters the Earl of Aberdeen refers, *inter alia*, to William IV during the time His Majesty was Lord High Admiral.

The letter dated from *Haddo House, Aberdeen, 30th October 1836*, is very long (6 pages, 4to). It is relative to Wraxall's charge against Pitt, accusing

him (Pitt) of having received money for creating Lord Abercorn a Marquis (This letter is published in "The Croker Papers.")

The next letter refers to the same subject, and to the proof sheets of Croker's article on Wraxall, which Aberdeen has corrected; but as he has no copy of the book (Wraxall's "Memoirs") he is unable to point out the "various blunders and falsehoods." The Earl refers to the French invasion of Spain, in 1821-23, mentions Lord Brougham, quotes from several of his Speeches, and remarks upon the position and relation of England and the Netherlands.

Lord Aberdeen says of Louis Philippe that his "position is becoming critical, and his conduct of late on one or two occasions has not been such as might have been expected from his prudence and ability. But this relates to his domestic affairs." He refers to the repression of the Slave trade and the extinction of slavery, "it is certainly my opinion that Lord Castlereagh did more towards this than any other person."

His Lordship also refers to the existing state of Lower Canada and Texas.

There are many references to the boundaries question of Canada, and Aberdeen mentions the discovery of Franklin's map which "does not really make the Treaty either better or worse."

There is a long letter, 4 pages, 4to, dated 7th February 1843, entirely relative to the treaty, and Lord Ashburton's attempt to settle the boundaries question with the United States. This letter is published *in extenso* by Jennings.

The numerous letters on the American boundaries question are very important, and supply a quantity of information upon this incident of political history.

In 1844 we find two letters upon the relations between England and France, and the friction caused over the Island of Tahiti, and Aberdeen writes: "It would indeed be a dreadful calamity if the two greatest nations in the World should take arms on account of a half-naked savage and the squabble of subordinate officers."

Some of the letters are also relative to the Oregon Treaty. This Treaty settled the north-western boundary question.

The letter dated 1st September 1846, on Homer and the origin of the Homeric Poems, is published *in extenso* by Jennings. The next letter



is relative to the Duke of Wellington's statue. "The Duke's statue is now placed on the arch, I should be very glad to have your opinion of its appearance and effect. I was one of those who approved of this situation when it was originally proposed." In his opinion the statue is much too large, and he is "inclined to believe that we should have produced a more satisfactory work." This is the famous statue of the Duke of Wellington, by Burton, which was placed on the arch at the top of Constitution Hill, Hyde Park Corner, and, after a great deal of controversy, removed to Aldershot.

Lord Aberdeen refers to the Treaty of Utrecht, and that he has not the least objection to Croker mentioning his opinion of the Treaty to Lockhart.

In a letter dated *22nd June 1848* his Lordship agrees with the foreign policy of the "*Quarterly Review*," and mentions the "*Revue Retrospective*" which "has helped to place the Spanish marriage upon a much better footing for the King and for Guizot. I have discussed the matter twenty times with Guizot, and am fully convinced that they were persuaded it was the intention of our Government to force on a Coburg marriage with the Queen . . . . Since I left office two years ago what wonderful and what fatal events have occurred! The worst of it is, that I am greatly afraid we are ourselves responsible for much of the mischief."

A letter dated *21st February 1851* is partly printed in "*The Croker Papers*," and is relative to Lord Holland's book, "*Foreign Reminiscences*," the calumny upon the Queen of France, Madame Campan, Bonaparte, Metternich, &c.

The next letter, dated *10th March 1851*, is also partly published in "*The Croker Papers*," and relates to the unjustness of the character he gives the Emperor Francis.

Aberdeen likewise mentions Lamartine and Castlereagh, and there is a letter upon the "*Memoires d'un homme d'Etat*," an anonymous work.

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11. 3 *pages*, 8vo. (*Dated 1845.*) She is glad to hear that Pr. Gr. (Prince George) returned safely and hopes he will not "exercise his catarrh" in town this bad weather.
12. 2 *pages*, 8vo. (*Dated Witley Court, 31 Oct. 1845.*) Complaining of the delay in the delivery of letters.
13. 1 *page*, 8vo. (*Dated Witley Court, 20 Jan. 1846.*)

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the Prince of Orange had the control of the Dutch and Belgian horse. By the death of his father in 1812 Paget became Earl of Uxbridge.

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Perhaps the most noticeable fact about this property is that most of it was claimed by various officers of the Prince's household as fees and perquisites—thus some of the plate fell to the share of Lord Delawarr as Groom of the Stole; all the coaches and horses were given up to Lord Bridgwater as Master of the Horse; and the barge to the Bargemaster of the Prince.

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*Inter alia* there is an important document signed by Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, and George Byng (the Admiral), ordering the captains of vessels serving in the Mediterranean to seize all Genoese vessels, as the Genoese were supplying the French with corn.



The first two letters refer to the pretension to improve the trade in the West Indies. Carleton states that he has ordered the Postmaster-General to intercept the letters addressed to Mr. Strahan, and that he is going into the country for a month.

The following eight letters are written by the Earl of Sunderland, "in the absence of Mr. Secretary Boyle," and he writes that the Queen entirely approves of Lord Townshend's actions in regard to Mr. Strahan. Queen Anne is very willing to join with the States in persuading Denmark to desist from any hostilities, and at the same time to offer their joint good offices to compose the differences between that Court and Denmark in order to preserve the Peace of the North. The Queen also approves of what Lord Townshend said to Monsr. Rosenkrantz in relation to the affairs of Denmark and Sweden, and no time should be lost to prevent a rupture. Mentions the Treaty of Travendall. Her Majesty is likewise very much concerned about the dangerous situation of affairs in the North.

The 13th letter dated Windsor, 24th October 1709, is written by Boyle, who continues this Correspondence. He refers to the Queen's pleasure that the Treaty (the Barrier Treaty) for securing the Protestant Succession is signed, which settles a good barrier for Holland. Queen Anne is very uneasy at the King of Denmark persisting in trying to make war against Sweden; the article in the Barrier Treaty which relates to Spanish trade is foreign to the rest of the Treaty and requires a distinct and deliberate consideration. In a letter dated 11 November 1709 it is stated that the Duke of Marlborough had landed in England. The next, dated 18th November 1709, refers to the alterations and new matter noticed in the Succession and Barrier Treaties just sent to England, which were not contained in the Counter-project or the Instructions, and since Lord Townshend has signed the Treaty the States could not but conclude that it meets with the Queen's approval. If England insisted on alterations it would cause the break up of the Treaty which would be too hazardous at the present juncture when "coldness, jealousy, and misunderstanding between Her Majesty and the States might be of the last ill consequence especially when some steps have been lately taken which seem to tend towards renewing the negotiations of peace and finishing our great work which has been carried on for so many years with such vast expense of blood and treasure. For these reasons her Majesty ordered the Treaty to



be ratified notwithstanding some material objections that were made to several parts of it," etc. Lord Townshend is to consult with the Pensionary concerning the operations by sea and the naval preparations which are requisite for that purpose. The House of Commons proceeds upon the state of the war and grants the supplies with the same zeal as at all times and have also settled the supplies for the next campaign.

Holland has agreed to the plan of war and are eagerly providing the necessary things towards supplying magazines with stores and furnishing the army with bread and forage. Satisfaction is demanded from the Genoese for supplying corn to the French. There is another comment upon the "zealous and hearty proceedings in Parliament in voting the supplies for the war."

There are references to a lottery being raised to obtain "a million and a half towards the 4 millions required for the supply for next year's service"; the dissatisfaction of the King of Prussia towards the States who has recalled his troops from Italy; the difficulty to raise money in England to carry on the war; the lowness of public credit in Holland, and the difficulty of the States interested in the war to raise their usual proportion to furnish the magazines.

In the letter dated 28 Feb. 17<sup>90</sup><sub>10</sub> the Hudson Bay Company is mentioned as having sent two members to Holland to attend the negotiations for peace "in order to promote their interest and Pretensions." In the next letter there is a reference to Dr. Sacheverell's trial which employs both Houses of Parliament from morning to night and allows very little time for any other business in Parliament or anywhere else, etc., etc., etc.

\* \* \* Lord Carleton after representing several constituencies in Parliament became Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1701; from 1704 to 1710 he was Lord Treasurer of Ireland, and in 1708 he was made a principal Secretary of State in place of Harley.

Charles Townshend, 2nd Viscount Townshend the statesman to whom these important State letters were addressed, was Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States-General and was a signatory of the preliminaries to the abortive treaty with France.

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These letters (9 of which are in cypher, or partly so) date from the 20th August 1703 to 18th July 1704, and were written to Richard Hill, the statesman and diplomatist, who was at this time envoy-extraordinary to the Duke of Savoy.

This important Correspondence refers to the keeping of a squadron of ships at Lisbon as the French have a fleet in the Mediterranean. The King of Portugal has received M. Chasteauneuf, the French Ambassador from Madrid, so the news of Spain declaring war against Portugal

is not true. Some ships preparing for the West Indies might accompany the squadron to Lisbon if they can be got ready in time, for great numbers of men are still wanted. Nottingham asks Hill to try and get the State of Venice as well as the Duke of Savoy to join the Alliance.

Mentions the "steps" made by France towards the Duke of Savoy. Mr. Hill is to return to England, but the Queen has written to the Duke of Savoy assuring him of her utmost and speediest assistance. The project of the Portugal squadron is approved. The Council has agreed to furnish the French refugee officers with money, and Hill, notwithstanding former letters calling him home, is to stay at the Hague till further instructions are sent. The English Government are glad that the Duke of Savoy will be in a condition to concur in the attempt upon Toulon, but Hill is not to mention this in Holland, nor yet even at Turin.

The Queen has been informed that the Duke of Savoy heavily taxes English goods, and Hill is to endeavour to get the tariff reduced, and to propose to clothe the Duke's army. Her Majesty is so sensible of the present pressures under which the Duke labours that she is willing to advance her share, two-thirds of 100,000 crowns, of the Treaty money. The reduction of the duty on cloth is mentioned.

The letter dated 4th January 1703-4 is relative to attacking France, and, being a secret letter, is written half in cypher.

Another letter refers to modifications in the Treaty made by the Duke of Savoy to which Anne did not agree. In a secret letter dated 28th January 1703-4, in cypher, with the translation written in, Finch mentions that the present would be a good time to get the Elector of Bavaria to come into the Alliance as he is in great indignation against the French. Another secret letter in cypher, with the translation, mentions that if the French should attack Nice by sea the Queen will relieve it with her fleet. The French have been repairing their ships, and will not fail to take all opportunities. Her Majesty has confirmed her order to relieve Nice upon notice from Hill or the Duke of Savoy; Nottingham also sends Queen Anne's order calling upon her subjects to leave the French service.

Though Hill will do very well to improve any overtures that come from Bavaria, and every opportunity of gaining the Emperor into our interests, Nottingham fears for the success, as the Emperor's affairs are in a miserable condition. The rebels in Hungary are being fomented by

France; the Queen hopes that the Duke of Savoy will make no difficulty of complying on his part in the Treaty, with the few things the Emperor has desired.

In the last letter of this collection, dated 18th July 1704, Nottingham refers to his "resigning the seals for this I did doe & to you onely of all my Correspondents abroad [*i.e.* give an account of his resignation] as the person on whose friendship I entirely depend & therefore chiefly valued it & I thought I could not better preserve it than by shewing you I had not made mysele unworthy of it by a base desertion and quitting of my station for fear of my Enemies. This never gave me a moment's disquiet, nor did I regret the labours & anxious cares of a very troublesome office, but the proceedings of those who cald (*sic*) themselves and should have been too, my friends, in reference to myself, my country, and the Queen herself, were intolerable," etc.

\*.\* Six weeks after William III's death (8 March 1702) Nottingham was appointed Secretary of State, with Sir Charles Hedges for his colleague. He resigned in 1704, finding it impossible to agree with his Whig colleagues. He told the Queen that she must either get rid of the Whig members of the Cabinet, or accept his resignation.

In July 1703 Richard Hill was appointed Envoy-extraordinary to the Duke of Savoy. After meeting with many delays and difficulties Hill succeeded in detaching the Duke from Louis XIV, and induced him to join the Grand Alliance against France in the Wars of the Spanish Succession.

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Sir Charles points out that there need be no fear considering the present state of affairs as "the French fleet being in Toulon and Sir G. R. (ooke) as we hope joyned with Sir C. Shovell and superior to all the force France has, and it is not to be imagined that he will quit those seas and leave the Duke of Savoy exposed to the insults of the enemy." The Duke of Savoy will be protected from any attack from the sea. The fate of Savoy will depend upon the success of the Duke of Marlborough, who has it in his orders and in his heart to satisfy Savoy. Owing to the misfortunes of the army in Portugal, Queen Anne has decided to recall D. Sho. (Schomberg), and to send Lord Galway to command in his place. There is also a reference to the Duke of Marlborough's success near Donawert.

Sir Charles is aware of the danger the Duke of Savoy will be in if not supported, Sir Geo. Rooke has returned to the Mediterranean: the next thing will be to drive the French out of Italy, and nothing will divert the Duke of Marlborough from doing so. There is a reference to the departure of the Earl of Galway to succeed the Duke of Schomberg whom Queen Anne "thought fit to recall upon the complaint of the King of Portugal—you will have heard of the wretched affairs there." Sir George Rooke decided not to lay siege to Cadiz for want of sufficient land force: the Portuguese have decided, notwithstanding the heat, to march into Spain and carry the war thither. "Her Majesty will do all she can for the encouragement of the Duke of Savoy. If what the Duke of Marlborough did on the 2nd past afforded you as much comfort and relief, the glorious and entire defeat he gave the French and Bavarian armies in conjunction, on the 13th instant (the Battle of Blenheim) will secure you from returns



of any apprehensions, for we are all of opinion here that we shall soon hear of Prince Eugene with a good army in Italy, and if Sir George Rooke should give the Count of Thoulouse a good blow, it would remove all our fears."

There is also mention of the supply of ammunition to Holland, the article relative to the pretended Prince of Wales in a Treaty, and the sending of Frigates by the States-General to Villa Franca. The Queen is sending a "minister of quality" to Vienna who is to join the States-General's Ambassador "to awaken the Court there to quicken the Emperor to hasten what he ought to send to the Duke of Savoy, and to make an end with the Hungarians," etc., etc., etc.

\* \* Sir Charles Hedges after sitting in Parliament for various constituencies, was, through the influence of the Earl of Rochester, sworn as Secretary of State and a Privy Councillor on 5 November 1700. He attended the Queen on her journey to Bath in August 1702, and for a short time (April to May 1704) he was declared the sole Secretary, both home and foreign, until a successor was appointed to the Earl of Nottingham.

(See end of preceding description, No. 15, for note on Richard Hill, to whom this Historical Correspondence was addressed.)

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\* \* \* These letters of the Earl of Stair were written whilst he was on a special mission to Augustus, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland.

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THE IMPORTANT SERIES of 32 LETTERS, addressed to the Right Honble. J. W. Croker, Secretary to the Admiralty. This Correspondence covers 79 pages, 8vo and 4to, and dates from 2 Oct. 1809 to 22 Dec. 1848.

This Correspondence is UNPUBLISHED with the exception of but one letter which is printed in "The Croker Papers," edited by J. L. Jennings.

In these letters Arbuthnot refers to the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Brunswick, Lord Wellington, the help the Press can give the Government, the discovery in gas for lamps, made by Heard, "the oddest looking man you ever saw but a great chemist," also Heard's discovery for making salt-water fit for man.

Arbuthnot, in a letter of Feb. 1820 (?), mentions the King (George IV): "The Sovereign has yielded to the advice of his Ministers; & in upholding the wisdom of that advice, it (the *Morning Chronicle*) has expressed itself respectfully towards the King who has sacrificed his personal feelings when the public good required him to do so."



In another letter he refers to a novel which is "a work of wonderful merit. Superior to Walter Scott in narrative tho' inferior in language imagery, & description."

The letter of 12th Nov. 1846 is relative to Queen Victoria's disapproval of the Wellington statue. This is the one letter which is published *in extenso* in "The Croker Papers":—

"I heard, and I thought from good authority, that the Queen had been in London for the purpose of looking at the statue, and that she, disapproving of it on the arch, had decided that it should be removed. I heard this in London from Lord Mahon, who came to see me, and I know that her Majesty did come up on the day mentioned, and that she returned on the same day to Windsor.

"I believe it to be true that she objected to the position of the statue.

"I could not write to the Duke of Bedford. I should not like to ask any favour, besides which I feel that my interfering (as I was in the Duke's house) will look like the Duke's interference.

"I am sure that this would annoy him greatly.

"I have this morning a letter from Lord Brougham, in answer to one which I had written to him after he had been at Walmer.

"He has had much conversation with Louis Philippe on the Spanish marriage. He says that the King is very angry with Lord Palmerston, but he remarked that, if what had been done had made him unpopular in England, it had at least had the effect of making him adored in France."

Arbuthnot gives an interesting account of Canning's intrigue against Lord Castlereagh, mentions Lord Chatham and the Walcheren Expedition, etc., etc., etc.

\*.\* Charles Arbuthnot began his apprenticeship in public life in 1793, when he accepted the position of précis writer at the Foreign Office, and entered upon his political career with his election, in March 1795, as member for East Looe. He served in important Diplomatic positions in Sweden and Portugal, and after holding, for a few months (Nov. 1803 to June 1804), the post of Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was appointed Ambassador-Extraordinary at Constantinople. When holding this appointment he was instructed by the Cabinet to demand from the Porte the dismissal of the French Envoy, General Sebastiani; the rejection of this request led to

the forcing of the Dardanelles by our fleet. Arbuthnot was on board the Admiral's ship, and it was mainly owing to his firmness that whatever success attended the operation was achieved. He was sworn a member of the Privy Council, and on his return from Constantinople in 1807, Arbuthnot was granted a pension of £2,000 per annum, and during the succeeding years he held several important positions under the Government.

The Duke of Wellington was much attached to Arbuthnot, who during the latter years of his life lived in the Duke's house as his confidential friend. He died at Apsley House in 1850.

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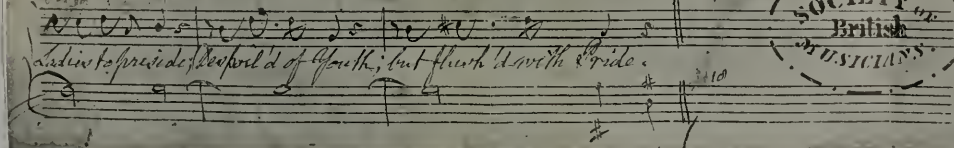
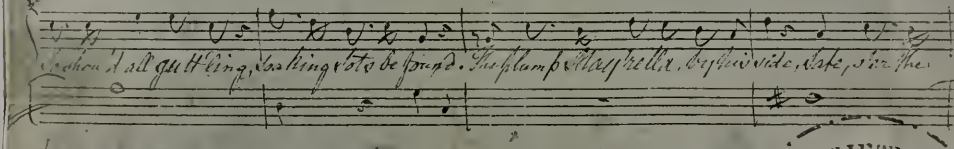
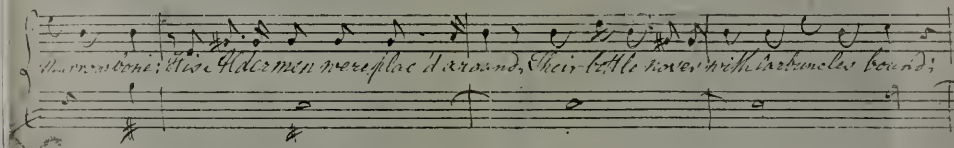
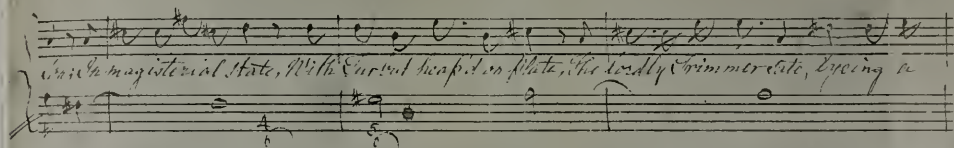
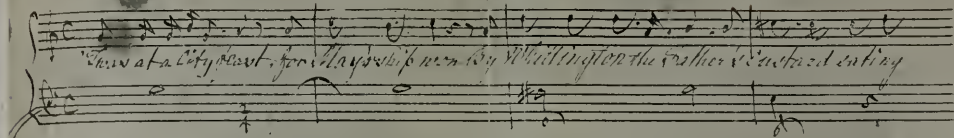
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Dr. Arne also wrote the beautiful music to Shakespeare's "As you Like It" and "Twelfth Night." Perhaps the best known of his pieces next to "Rule, Britannia," is the charming setting to "Where the Bee Sucks."

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Bailly was Mayor of Paris at the period, 1791-2, which was fraught with so much for France. In 1789 he presided over the Tiers État at their first assembly, the Séance du Jeu des Paumes, where they practically sentenced Louis XVI to death.

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Benedict refers to the serious illness of Macready and his objection to reading in a large room. He failed to get Macready for "Armida," and suggests Kean or Phelps to take his place.

These letters are also relative to Mendelssohn, Bach, Beethoven, Meyerbeer, Haydn, Handel, Mozart, Cherubini, Glück, Balfe, Rubinstein, etc., etc., to the operas "Oberon," "Martha," and "Il Trovatore." There are several references to his own work "Undine."

\*.\* Sir Julius Benedict was born at Stuttgart in 1804. At the age of 15 he became a pupil of Hummel at Weimar, by whom he was introduced to Beethoven, and in 1821 he went to study composition under Weber at Dresden. From 1823 to 1825 he was the conductor of the Italian opera at Vienna. Benedict was afterwards conductor at the San Carlo and Fondo Theatres at Naples. At the former he produced, in 1824, his first opera,

"Giacinta ed Ernesto," which achieved no success. In the following year a second opera, "I Portoghesi in Goa," failed at Stuttgart, but was successful at Naples. In 1835 Malibran persuaded Benedict to come to London, which was destined to be his home for the rest of his life. He conducted operas at the Lyceum Theatre, and in 1838 became conductor of the English opera at Drury Lane. In 1848 he conducted a performance of "Elijah" at Exeter Hall, in which Jenny Lind made her first appearance in oratorio. He was also conductor of the Norwich and Birmingham Musical Festivals.

Benedict composed many Operas (the best known being "The Lily of Killarney" which was produced in 1862), and several Cantatas.

In 1871 he became a naturalized Englishman and received the honour of knighthood. He died in 1885.

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These letters are mostly relative to Trade, Free Trade and Protection, the Cotton Trade of Manchester, the Bank Charter Act of 1844, Peel's Monetary Laws, the Coercion Bill, Jews in Parliament, Irish affairs, Disraeli's Manner of Speaking, etc.

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Disraeli wrote a "Life" of Lord George.

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Jennings in his book says "that all Lord George Bentinck's political correspondence was probably destroyed by the Duke of Portland, his father." This collection, therefore, is POSSIBLY THE SOLE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS FAMOUS STATESMAN IN EXISTENCE.

Lord George Bentinck was born in 1802. After serving in the army he acted for some time as secretary to Canning, and in 1828 entered Parliament for Lyme Regis.

Lord George had been a long time in Parliament, but hardly ever attended the sittings of the House, taking more interest in his racing stud, which he sold in the autumn of 1846 when impelled by his strong feeling in favour of the agricultural interest to take an active part in the debates.

Bentinck came prominently forward in the ranks of the Opposition after Sir Robert Peel abandoned the cause of the Protectionists, and before the end of the session he had accomplished wonders.

The Protectionists were a powerful body in 1846-48, and in 1847 Lord George was prevailed upon to take his seat on the front Opposition bench. He resigned this position in 1848 through the Conservatives voting against the Bill to enable Baron Lionel Rothschild to sit in the House, although Lord George had on previous occasions voted for it, and this caused great dissatisfaction amongst his followers. It is evident, however, from his letters to Mr. Croker that he felt his "dismissal" more keenly than Disraeli allowed the readers of his "Life" to suppose.

At the end of the session Bentinck went to Welbeck, and whilst there he died (21 Sept. 1848) at the early age of 46, of heart disease, whilst walking from Welbeck to Thoresby, the seat of Lord Manvers.

"Thus brief and strange was the career of a man who, had he lived, would undoubtedly have made a great name in the political annals of his country."

Bentinck had an able adviser in Disraeli (later Lord Beaconsfield), and though their characters were so entirely different, each supplied the other with what he lacked, and the connection between them was not without its influence upon the career of the more famous statesman.

A few very brief extracts from the most interesting of these long letters are given below. For a fuller account of this Correspondence see "The Croker Papers," Vol. 3, pages 118 to 166.

Letter 4. *Dated from Welbeck, Sept. 1847* :—

"The question of duties on certain raw materials, such as timber, cotton, and wool, is a very large one, and deserves very serious consideration.

"Practically Norway, Sweden, Russia, and Prussia have a monopoly of the timber trade at Sir Robert Peel's differential duty of 14s. per load, the freight to the Baltic being 18s. against 38s. to the St. Lawrence, and the timber of the Baltic being of finer quality. The result of Peel's alterations consequently has been that the Baltic growers have been enabled to maintain their prices on the other side to very nearly two-thirds the amount of duty reduced.

"The cotton question must grow into a very big question.

"Is the United States to be fully installed in a monopoly? Or are we, as Huskisson once hinted, to cherish the cultivation of cotton in our own East India possessions by a protective duty? A duty of 1d. per lb. on foreign cotton would give us a revenue one year with another of £1,800,000, whilst Huskisson declared that our own East Indies might be encouraged to grow cotton sufficient to supply cotton for all the world," etc., etc.

Letter 12. *Dated from Welbeck, Oct. 1 1847.* 23 pages, 8vo. UNPUBLISHED :—

" . . . I am greatly pleased to find that you are satisfied with the substantial correctness of my view of the United States Trade, etc. . . . So long as I am right about Cotton, Tobacco, Flour, and Provisions, but more especially Cotton (everything turns upon Cotton), all the rest, except

for appearance is merely trivial. . . . I am able to-day to inclose to you a complete account of the United States cotton crops for the 5 years preceding the 5 years of Peel's government of last year—and the estimate of the crop now being gathered—with a note of the Authorities from which I have derived my information.

"Can anything more prove what an Impostor Peel is in ascribing to Whig misrule their adversity, and to his own Financial and Free Trade measures his 5 years of Prosperity?" etc.

Letter 16. *Dated from Welbeck, Oct. 5 1847:—*

"Virtually an uneducated man, never intended or attracted by taste for political life, in the House of Commons only by a pure accident, indeed by an inevitable and undesired chance, I am well aware of my own incapacity properly to fill the station I have been thrust into. My sole ambition was to rally the broken and dispirited forces of a betrayed and insulted party, and to avenge the country gentlemen and landed aristocracy of England upon the Minister who, presuming upon their weakness, falsely flattered himself that they could be trampled upon with impunity.

"I did deceive myself with false hopes that the old English spirit would have been roused, and that it was only necessary to keep the dismantled ship floating and fighting under jury-masts till she went through the thorough repair of a new election, and then that scores of better men would have come to her rescue.

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The first letter, which is dated from Teddington 13 March 1877, refers to the German translation of his novel "Alice Lorraine." Blackmore writes "Destiny forbids me, I fear, from ever getting into Teutonic attire." In the second he mentions E. Capern, whom he does not know, "except by fame and from extracts from his poems." In the next letter, written in the same month, he refers to his favourite sport, fishing. "R. B. Marston is coming to me on Monday, for a days pike-fish'g . . . I hate all bottom-fishing even that for pike, which is of course the prime of it; but perhaps good sport may convert me. Fly fishg. is my favourite pleasure and next thereto snipe shooting. But I fear, eyes that have been so much on paper are worn out for the keen flight of sport." In the following letter Blackmore refers to his wife's illness. In other letters he mentions having received a letter "from a Dartmoor worthy, Mr. Dimond of Exeter and of Widecombe fame." He will be pleased to receive a copy of Doveton's Collected Poems. In a letter dated Oct. 2nd 1884 Blackmore says that he "has not left home at all this summer, for I have had a most disastrous year and a dead loss of £600 wh. compels me to economise."—"Perhaps I am prejudiced against anything Ingoldsbyian—by my special dislike of the 'Ingoldsby ballads,' whose humour seems to me to be flippancy, and the main wit oddity of rhyme and rhythm." Blackmore also refers to his garden: "and soon I shall be working with pen and spade from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m."



My work goes on very slowly and has been delayed by 3 weeks bronchitis." "The taste of the age is not for verse, and no man reads it unless he is bound." He refers to the death of his wife in a letter dated February 8th 1888: "My dear wife lived entirely for me and tended me with perpetual caresses, and we scarcely ever were asunder for a week at a time, and even that very rarely," etc. He has lost the use of his left hand, criticises his correspondent's poems, and mentions Baring Gould. In November 1894 Blackmore writes that he is "getting too old for the fly [fishing]; and fit only to fish in Styx with the black slug." Again in the same month he writes: "I doubt whether I shall ever see Devon again. Don't 'bonny' it 'bonny' is to [*sic*] Scotchified." He again criticises his friend's verses; "So far as I can tell there is some beauty, and much facility in your lines; but of strong originality less trace." Another letter contains more criticism, and Blackmore says of himself, "40 or even 50 years ago I used to write verse more easily than prose, but I could never get an hearing for it, and was obliged to take up prose. . . . Some of it now makes me laugh though I thought it 'devilish' fine when I wrote it," etc. In a letter dated January 11th 1895 Blackmore wrote: "If my little verse-tales see the light I shall beg you to accept a copy. Shades of Mævius, is one not as good as a Punch and Judy panpiper?" (*This refers to his "Tales from the Telling House," published in 1896, one of his last two publications.*) In one of the letters Blackmore criticises the Editor of a Paper "that has dared to touch literature"; he again refers to angling and regrets that "the fates will not allow him to see a Devonshire trout again." Refers to his "Tales from the Telling House" again in a letter dated June 8th 1895: "When my little book will be out I know not, neither care, for it is a most hideous thing, and vexes me so that I decline to think of it. 'High Art'! they call it." In another reference he says: "10s. net is too much for him to carry, 2s. 6d. I proposed or 5s. at the utmost, but Mathews said it would not come home," etc.

Blackmore refers to the death of "one of his old friends," Mortimer Collins, "some of his things are beautiful." And in another letter mentions his old school, Blundell's, where he was educated. This school figures in "Lorna Doone," where "Jan Ridd" was also educated.

The last letter in this Correspondence is dated 28th May 1897 (less than three years before his death). Blackmore wrote: "I have little time now to



look at anything, and see very few of the magazines, for I can no longer get about with any comfort. Though my fruit crop is utterly smashed, I have as much to do as ever, and become rapidly less fit to do it."

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The letter containing the latter reference is MOST IMPORTANT, because in 1834, the year in which Joseph wrote it, he also wrote to the Duc de

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The vast majority of the letters were written from Point Breeze, the charming spot in New Jersey, U.S.A., which he purchased after his brother's defeat at Waterloo. His too delicate wife did not accompany him to America, but remained in Europe; Zenaïde and Charlotte, his two daughters (together with his nephew, Prince Charles Bonaparte), joined him at Point Breeze later.

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Gives particulars regarding his lodgings there, mentions the Broadway. He will not remain long in *New York*, etc.

3. A. l. s., 2 pages, 4to. "Pointe Breeze," 10 July 1826. To Monsieur Perceval. M. and Mme. Lacoste who are going to Canada, where they know nobody, will be charmed to see him, therefore he gives them the present letter of introduction. M. and Mme. are great friends of his (Joseph Bonaparte).
4. A. l. s., 2 pages, 4to. "Pointe Breeze," 30 August 1826. To Lacoste. Relative to the loss of his (Lacoste's) son Emile. Joseph, his daughter, and son-in-law, went to see him (Emile) at 11 o'clock, but he had passed away.
5. A. l. s., 1 page, 4to. Philadelphia, 31st Oct. 1826. To the same. Enclosing letters for Italy to go by Monsieur Bardotte.
6. A. l. s., 2 pages, 4to. "Pointe Breeze," 2 Nov. 1826. To the same. Relative to the letters sent with the above letter (No. 3), and requesting him to send no more white wine because the last was adulterated with brandy.
7. A. l. s., 2 pages, 4to. "Pointe Breeze," 12 May 1827. To the same. Relative to Madame Keating (who is leaving for a long voyage for her health) and Leon, who is remarkable for his intelligence, sweetness, and application. Sends one of his engravings (? portraits of himself).
8. A. l. s., 4 pages, 4to. "Pointe Breeze," 29 June 1827. To Madame Lacoste. Hopes she has regained her charming gaiety which she brought from France, and that she seemed to have lost somewhat during her monotonous life in *New Jersey*. Since her departure (for France) he

has been to *New York* and seen Leon, who is "trop accompli"; he is no longer the same child, "as for me I prefer the Leon of Pointe Breeze. We count on returning to New York soon." Achille Murat is with him. The daughters of Achille speak no French, therefore the conversation is not very animated. They are with the Washington family.

"You have not found in France Monsieur Girardin, he was, without contradiction, my oldest friend: here I have lost Doctor Monyer, he was the man to whom I was most attached in the New World." Mentions her friend Beranger the poet, whose "original genius we admire every evening. You gave the collection of his charming Chansons to Zenaïde." Refers to Ovid and wonders how Beranger would treat such a subject as the thunderbolt which crashed through the cabin roof and fell at her feet.

9. *A. l. s.*, 3 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 14 July 1827. To Monsieur Lacoste. He leaves for Saratoga to-morrow. "Leon is with me." He does not wish Leon to return to the boarding school.

"After Paris and London I do not think there are more resources anywhere in Europe than in New York to-day."

10. *A. l. s.*, 4 pages, 4to. *Saratoga*, 23 July 1827. To the same.

His absence leaves a great void which nothing refills, which must be so for a Frenchman living in New Jersey.

"I am in no hurry for the medal, I will wait for your word thereupon, as also on the engraving and pictures, in general I am not in form to-day to envy any funds in Europe."

11. *A. l. s.*, 3 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 30 Aug. 1827. To the same. Has received three undated letters—he knows as well as Lacoste the danger (presumably of being in communication with a dethroned Bonaparte). Mentions Achille Murat and his brothers Jerome and Charles, and his daughter Zenaïde.

12. *A. l. s.*, 3 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 22 Sept. 1827. To Mme. Lacoste. Zenaïde leaves for Italy soon. Asking her if she can persuade M. Beranger to spend some time at Pointe Breeze, etc., etc.

13. *A. l. s.*, 2 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 22 Sept. 1827. To Lacoste. He will soon be all alone, for his daughter starts by the first boat for Italy. Achille Murat is at Philadelphia in the hands of Dr. Chapman.



14. *A. l. s.*, 2 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 29 Nov. 1827. To the same. His children go by the Delaware. Achille and his wife have gone to Florida. Lucien is with him.

"I shall receive with pleasure, the refutation of (Sir) Walter Scott. The Public do not appreciate much this last novel of Sir Walter's—one sees too clearly the motives which made him write."

15. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. *Philadelphia*, 28 Dec. 1827. To the same. Regrets the accident which has happened to his godson.

"I write in haste, being about to embark on the steamboat from Baltimore to accompany my children who are seeking the Delaware at Norfolk," etc.

16. *L. s.* with holograph superscription of 11 lines. "*Pointe Breeze*," 28 Jan. 1830. To the same. Mentions Leopold.

Sends the observations upon volumes 3 to 6 of Bourrienne's "*Memoirs of Napoleon*," which they appear to have merited. Since he, Bourrienne, writes but upon hearsay, and that his intentions are well masked, it appears useless to him that he should write any more. Asks him to purchase the "*Memoirs of Benjamin Constant*" for him, etc., etc.

17. *A. l. s.*, 2 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 30 Oct. 1830. To the same.

He has received the 2 volumes of M. La Valette—it is a work which is not by the man whose name it carries, being full of errors which La Valette could not commit.

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18. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 15 Nov. 1830. To the same. Relative to the "*CENDRES DE NAPOLEON*."

Refers to M. Lameth whose name was deleted from the list of "*émigrés*" by the Emperor (Napoleon).

19. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. "*Pointe Breeze*," 8 March 1831. To the same.

"It is true that I have not concealed from an old officer and good patriot, who was at my house when I received a letter from General Lafayette, that this letter was truly from Lafayette, of whom the patriotism was



always pure and not corroded by intrigue—that is all I said and must say to give pleasure to a brave man who loves Lafayette," etc.

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20. *L. s.* with holograph superscription. 3 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 26 April 1831. To the same. Relative to engravings (portraits of himself?) which he wishes distributed. Refers to the discourses of *Lafayette* and others.

21. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 23 June 1831. To the same. He will perhaps come to *New York*; mentions the President, etc.

22. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 6 Sept. 1831. To the same.

He has had the toothache since his return from New York, which has prevented him from attending to the corrections asked for. "I have read the work and much must be done in order to leave only the truth. I am going to busy myself with it. I do not see the Napoleon article, which makes me fear that it may be worse than that of Jerome which is detestable.

"Send me ten examples, please, of Nos. 62 and 63—tell me if the editors of the little English work do not mind if it is increased by some pages. Would they add some 'pièces justificatives,' as letters of the Emperor which would prove the untruth of the English assertions?"

23. *L. s.*, 2 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 9 Sept. 1831. To the same.

Relative to the "Memoirs of Madame D'Abrantes" which he criticises and refers to the refusal the Authoress sustained at Rome from his mother (Lapagerie Buonaparte). Mme. D'Abrantes reproached his mother because through economy she had become rich. It is not enough to come to the help of unfortunates, *inde irca*. However Mme. D'Abrantes dreams of a common origin and greatly desires us to gratify "de la descendance imperiale."

Francis is better.

24. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. "*Pointe Breeze*," 17 Oct. 1831. Sends eleven numbers of the "Revolution"—he has marked with a cross the articles which appear the most salutary.

25. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 19 Oct. 1831. To the same. He sends the articles, he has effaced more than he has added, it is because the copy was a tissue of lies.

One article is an analysis of a letter from Louis (Bonaparte) to M. de Norvins.

"If one prints all that you have sent me purged of the English and Bourbonian lies I will take 100 copies, if not, no. You know well that I cannot pay to encourage the injuries and outrages which are printed against us, the Holy Alliance and the two Restorations are rich enough for that," etc.

26. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 20 Nov. 1831. To the same. News from Europe is good, "I no longer receive the Nemesis."

27. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. "*Pointe Breeze*," 23 Nov. 1831. To the same. Relative to the French Tribune.

28. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 8 Jan. 1832. To the same. Mentions Chateaubriand, etc.

29. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 14 Feb. 1832. To the same.

What has become of the article on his family, which must be printed at *New York* and on which "you requested my observations"?

30. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 2 April 1832. To the same.

31. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. "*Pointe Breeze*," 8 June 1832. To the same. Refers to English malevolence, etc.

32. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 18 June 1832. To the same. Mentions his nephew.

33. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. "*Pointe Breeze*," 19 April 1833. To the same.

34. *A. l. s.*, 2 pages, 8vo. *Marden*, 3 Nov. 1833. To the same. Mentions his wife and daughter, etc.

35. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. *London*, 14 Jan. 1834.

Speaks of the petition for the repeal of the law of proscription which he does not think will be accepted.

If it is, some members of his family may profit thereby.

"As for me expect me in the United States in June."

\*.\* A remarkable Petition was addressed by the ex-King of Spain to the petitioners for the repeal of the exile law, which is fully quoted in his Biography.

36. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. London, 15 April 1834.

All parties are opposed to Louis Philippe, in England as well as France, etc.

37. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. London, 3 May 1834. To the same.

Relative to his return to the United States, which will be soon.

38. *A. l. s.*, 3 pages, 8vo. London, 5 June 1834. To the same.

"I hope that more reason will reign in the United States than in this beautiful land of France, where the Terror is the order of the day, where nothing is sacred but the confiscated gold and that which one tears so easily from the 'contribuables.'" Lafayette has finished his career in the pain of the results of his patriotic inspirations of the 3 days.

Mentions his brother Jerome, etc.

39. *A. l. s.*, 2 pages, 8vo. London, 15 July 1834. To the same.

Mentions his mother and his wife.

40. *A. l. s.*, 2 pages, 4to. London, 30 Mar. 1835. To the same.

Relative to the proposal of the intending purchaser, for \$75,000 (cash), of the land in America belonging to Joseph Bonaparte.

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The changes in the government of Austria have re-animated the hopes of his family, etc.

41. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. London, 22 March 1838. To Captain Brown.

Thanks him for his offer and is convinced of his good wishes.

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43. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. London, 1 Aug. 1838. To the same.

Mentions his sister. He starts by the *Philadelphia* for New York on the 20th, and asks Lacoste to procure lodgings for himself, 6 masters, and 8 servants, besides the people whom Lacoste knows he brings with him.

44. *A. l. s.*, 2 pages, 4to. "*Pointe Breze*," 30 October 1838. To the same.

Relative to the loss of Lacoste's "charmant enfant" (Leon) and exclaiming in consequence "Who governs this miserable world?"

All near him are preoccupied with Lacoste's cruel loss.

Speaks of his love for the lost Leon and of the latter's love for him.

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45. *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 8vo. London, 20 Dec. 1839.

He has been in London 20 days, and finds more excitement in European minds than he thought existed during his sojourn in America. Expects letters from Italy. Louis has not left England, he sees him daily, and "listens to the opinions of my old age." His nephew, he is informed, will leave for America in a few days.

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These letters are extremely important and interesting. The Poet refers to the new edition of his Poems and to a volume of "Selections" of his wife's Poetry, which is published "merely to attempt to neutralise the rascality of the pirates who reprint from the earlier works—errors and all." Speaking of a visit to Alton Towers, he says:

"The life realises the ideal sea-side pleasure of Hood, consisting as it does of drinking, eating, eating, drinking, and vexing not our heads with thinking. This is the famous 'dream of Pugin come true,' the Muriel Towers of Dizzy, who fitted his 'Lothair' with all the peculiarities of the place."

Many of the letters are dated from St. Moritz, Venice, Llangollen, Val d'Aosta, La Saiziaz, Isère, Splügen, etc., and give descriptions of the places and the people Browning met during his visits. Of the purchase of the Rezzonico Palace the Poet writes:

"Pen (Browning's son) had bought the huge Rezzonico Palace, one of the best in Venice, and he finds it not a bit too big, but is occupied all day long in superintending a posse of workmen who fit the rooms into comfortable inhabitedness."

Browning appears to have been particularly charmed with his visit to Lans (Isère):

" . . . Nearly three weeks have S. (Sarianna, the Poet's sister) & I spent in the most rural and unsophisticated place we ever saw in our lives, a few cottages, one pretence at a shop, no tradition of an English tourist, utter roughness, abundant geniality, and such scenery, such mountains, such woods and pastures, as to make it a sufficient delight to just live and let all else alone."

He mentions dining with Lord Tennyson:

"I dined with Tennyson last Saturday, and felt foolish at not having anything to say about what interests him so much," etc.

The following extracts are from two important letters, in which the Poet refers to his Works:

"I have no proof sheets of the new volume ("Parleyings"), nor would be allowed to transmit them were they in my possession. They are already in America and will appear simultaneously with the publication here—which takes place in a week, and being properly paid for, ought not to be forestalled in any way," etc.

In the last dated letter, *Oct. 15, 1889*, written but two months before his death, Browning refers to his last work (published posthumously) "Asolando": "This morning I despatched to Smith the MS. of my new volume, some thirty poems long and short, some few written here (Venice), all revised and copied," etc.

*These letters are believed to be unpublished.*

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**BROWNING (ELIZABETH BARRETT).** The remarkable and highly IMPORTANT COLLECTION of 115 HOLOGRAPH LETTERS, mostly SIGNED "BA," to her sister-in-law, Miss Sarianna Browning. Together with 8 Letters, covering 14 *pages*, 8vo, from Robert Browning, the Poet; 2 *A. l. s.* of Browning's son, R. W. Browning, and 2 Letters of Isa Blagden, etc. *The whole collection is inlaid to Royal 4to size. Green morocco extra.*

Two-thirds of this Correspondence is *entirely unpublished*.

\* \* \* Most of these letters are naturally taken up with family matters, the death of Miss Browning's mother, in March, 1849, being the subject of several. But there are also references to the copying by Miss Browning, of the MSS. of her Poet brother and his wife, and also to Thackeray, Lytton, and Tennyson. The later letters are full of stories of the sayings and doings of Mrs. Browning's child. THIRTY-FIVE OF THE LETTERS are printed by Sir F. G. Kenyon, the remainder are, we believe, UNPUBLISHED.

The important and pathetic letter (included) of Robert Browning, to his sister, announcing the death of their mother, Mrs. Browning, states:—

"You know what this means, it is all over. I cannot say more. All unexpected, unintelligible but with no pain, no knowledge of what was to be. This morning 4½, 29th June. Don't come, nor send, nor be anxious," etc.

The following quotations are from a few of the letters of the Poetess—Mrs. E. B. Browning:—

Letter 1. "Let me write to you then not as to a stranger but as a dear sister and friend, whom I love and would be loved by, for his (Robert Browning) sake and for her own."

Letter 2. Relative to Robert Browning's illness. "The wrong thing was that he would not see a physician. Only by a providential happiness Father Prout came in at the very right moment and expounded such a wise medical doctrine that the practice of it relieved him directly," etc.

Letter 3. Dated 18 Dec. 1848. "Very anxious I have been about Robert's play and grateful to your kind uncle and Mr. Chorley for their consideration in letting us know the result. The play seems very much inclined to 'run,' isn't it? Though so little covetous of that sort of reputation for Robert, yet I should have been vexed by the theatrical public's proving as asinine as usual on the occasion in question."

\* \* \* The play referred to is Browning's "The Blot on the 'Scutcheon.'"

Letter 9. Dated 14 Nov. 1852. "I was extremely unwell at Genoa to the extent of almost losing heart and hope, which is a most unusual case with me. But the change from Lyons had been too sudden and severe. At Genoa the weather was so exquisite so absolutely June weather that



at the end of a week's lying on the sofa I had rallied again quite—only poor darling Robert was horribly vexed and out of spirits all that time as was natural—I feel myself every now and then (& did then) like a weight round his neck, poor darling, though he does not account it so for his part," etc.

Letter 12. Dated 24 *Sept.* 1853. Mentions Lord Lytton. "We have had Mr. Lytton staying with us for a fortnight & like him the better for the close relation, which is a good test. He is full of noble aspiration of all kinds—very affectionate, very cultivated and remarkable for faculty," etc.

Letter 21. 12 *June* 1855. "Robert has been frantic about the Crimea & "being disgraced in the face of Europe," etc., etc. "When he is wild he wishes the Ministry to be torn to pieces in the street—limb from limb. I do not doubt that the Aberdeen side of the Cabinet has been greatly to blame but the system is the root of the whole evil," etc.

Letter 49. Dated 21 *March* 1860. "I am looking to be torn to pieces in England for my book. Let me tell you the one thing that can give it any interest to you. Pen (Browning's son) has read through all three poems. The Ode was read to him. At the part about Italy his eyes overflowed and down he threw himself on the sofa face downwards to hear the rest. They are the only poems of mine in which he has expressed or felt the least interest & I have been extremely flattered by his praises of these," etc.

\* \* The Poems referred to are the "Poems before Congress," which were published in 1860.

Letter 54. Dated *Jan.* 1861. Very long and important, in which Mrs. Browning compares Robert Browning with Tennyson:

"Tennyson is a regular worker, shuts himself up daily for so many hours. And we are generally so made that a regular hour is good even for so uncertain an influence as mesmerism. But Robert waits for an inclination—works by fits and starts. He can't do otherwise he says. Then reading hurts him. As long as I have known him he has not been able to read long at a time—he can do it now better than in the beginning . . . he (Robert) had a room all last summer and did nothing. Then he worked



himself out by riding for three or four hours together. There has been little poetry done since last winter when he did much. . . . The modelling combines body-work and soul-work," etc.

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**BROWNING CORRESPONDENCE.** The highly IMPORTANT COLLECTION of 107 HOLOGRAPH LETTERS, SIGNED, comprising the Correspondences of SIR F. LEIGHTON, BENJAMIN JOWETT, HELENA FAUCIT, (LADY MARTIN). Together with 3 HOLOGRAPH LETTERS, SIGNED, of SIR THEODORE MARTIN and a HOLOGRAPH LETTER, SIGNED, of FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE. All of which are addressed to ROBERT BROWNING the Poet.

SIR FREDERICK LEIGHTON'S Correspondence consists of 38 Holograph Letters, Signed, dating from *July 15 1862* to *2 April 1889*.

The first letter is very important, as it refers to the monument over Mrs. E. B. Browning's grave which Leighton was designing. In this letter there are two sketches. Other letters refer to "Balaustion's Adventure"; Talford's "Ion" and Miss Dorothy Dene who is to take the leading woman's part in that play; Shelley's "Adonais" is also noticed. Leighton mentions that Joachim and Hallé are to play in his studio; also refers to Mr. Barrett Browning's (the son of Robert Browning) pictures; the Motto which Browning wrote for Leighton's picture "Orpheus and Eurydice," etc., etc.

BENJAMIN JOWETT'S letters to Browning number 45, and date from *June 7 1866* to *Nov. 9 1890*.

Jowett refers to Browning's son taking up his residence at Oxford University and, later on, to the latter's abilities and knowledge of the Classics. He asks the Poet to consider the possibility of his election to the Professorship of Poetry at the University. Jowett also refers to

Campbell's invitation to Browning to become Lord Rector of St. Andrews University.

In other letters the eminent Master of Balliol mentions that Swinburne is staying with him, and invites Browning to meet him; asks him to honour the University by accepting the D.C.L. degree; refers to the portrait of the Poet, by his son Barrett Browning, which was given to the University on the occasion of Browning's election to the D.C.L. degree.

Jowett refers to reading "Sordello," of which he fancies he can "quite understand the general drift and spirit, though being ignorant of Italian history I cannot follow the allusions. . . . It is a marvel to me how you ever thought all this out 47 years ago," etc., etc.

\*.\* Benjamin Jowett was the energetic and learned Master of Balliol College and Regius Professor of Greek in Oxford University. He was also Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1882 to 1886.

The autograph letter, signed, of Florence Nightingale was written to Browning whilst she was nursing Jowett.

HELENA FAUCIT'S (LADY MARTIN) letters to Browning, of which there are 20 entirely autograph and signed, date from 22 Jan. 1853 to 18 July 1888.

Lady Martin's first letter asks permission to produce "Colombe's Birthday," which was in fact, first acted in this year 1853, with Lady Martin as the heroine. In another very long letter, of 7 pages, 4to, the great actress refers to Browning's "The Ring and the Book," which she has just read. She also mentions her visit to Queen Victoria at Osborne, to whom Lady Martin read "Lucy Geraldine's Courtship," etc., etc., etc.

\*.\* Miss Faucit (Lady Martin) was one of the best Shakespearean actresses the World has ever produced.

There are also three HOLOGRAPH LETTERS, SIGNED, of SIR THEODORE MARTIN to Robert Browning, relative to the invitation to the Poet to accept the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University, accompanied by the original telegrams (3) from the University Clubs; Sir Theodore also refers to Lady Martin's illness, etc.

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Ketch — New Year's day — To M<sup>rs</sup> Dunlop — f

This day time winds th' exhausted chain,  
To run the twelvemonth's length again: C v<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> 6<sup>2</sup>  
I see the old, bald-pated fellow,  
With ardent eyes, complexion sallow,  
Adjust the unimpaired machine  
To wheel the equal, dull routine. —  
The absent loved, minor heart,  
In vain assails him with their prayer:  
Deaf as my friend, he sees them pass,  
Not makes the heart one moment less. —  
Will you (the Major's with the hounds,  
The happy tenants share his sounds;  
Coila's fair Rachel's care today,  
And blooming Kieth's engag'd with Lyray)  
From housewife cares a minute borrow —  
That grandchild's cap will make tomorrow —  
And join with me a moralizing,  
This day's propitious to be wise in. —  
What, what did yesternight deliver?  
"Another year is gone for ever!"  
And what ~~is~~ this day's strong suggestion?  
"The passing moment's all we rest on."  
Rest on — for what? what do we here?  
Or why regard the passing year?  
Will time, amused with proverb'd ~~tricks~~ lore,  
Add to our date one minute more?  
A few days may, a few years must,  
Repose us in the silent dust;  
Then is it wise to damp our bliss?  
Yes — for such ~~renewings~~ are amiss!

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**BURNS** (ROBERT). THE ORIGINAL HOLOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT DRAFT of his celebrated Poem upon New Year's Day. This Poem is headed :—

“SKETCH—NEW YEAR DAY—TO  
MRS. DUNLOP.”

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The Poem commences as follows :—

“This Day Time winds th'exhausted chain,  
To run the twelvemonth's length again :—  
I see the old, bald-pated fellow,  
With ardent eyes, complexion sallow,  
Adjust the unimpair'd machine  
To wheel the equal, dull routine.”

Burns' note of 4 lines to Mrs. Dunlop states :—

“On second thoughts I send you this extempore blotted sketch. It is just *the first random scrawl*, but if you think the piece worth while, I shall retouch it and finish it. Tho' I have no copy of it my memory serves me.”

The present manuscript is, therefore, THE FIRST HOLOGRAPH DRAFT OF THE POEM.

\*.\* This is “a stray” manuscript from the magnificent Burns-Dunlop Correspondence now in the Morgan Library, and an unusually interesting Burns Manuscript. It was generally agreed that this Poem was written for New Year's Day 1790. Internal evidence, however, does not confirm this, but points to the year following, 1791.

Mrs. Dunlop, whose maiden name was Frances Anne Wallace, was one of the Poet's dearest friends. In the course of this Poem various members of Mrs. Dunlop's family are mentioned.

The Poem was first published by Currie in 1800 in his edition of the Poet's Works. It was also published in Wm. Scott Douglas' edition (6 vols., 1877) vol. 2, p. 284.

This, the undoubted First Draft, differs from the version printed by Douglas in certain respects. Very many of the stops are different and brackets have been inserted in one instance in the printed version, whereas dashes appear in the present manuscript. Two words have also been crossed out in this manuscript and words corresponding with the printed version inserted.

Burns, however, placed the question beyond doubt, for in his note at the end of the Poem he calls it his "first random scrawl."

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"Adieu, Adieu :—I say no more—God speed you!  
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"The 'over-vehement attack' on me to which he alludes took place in the course of the excitement which the destruction of Lord Byron's Memoirs produced, and in which Campbell stood forth as a champion of Lady Byron."

"You have by this time heard from Lord Byron himself and feel, I trust, comfortably *in statu quo* with him," etc.

"I must reward you by a most amusing little Epigram written by Lord B(yron) for the next anniversary (being the sixth) of his marriage—Jan. 2nd 1821.

TO PENELOPE.

This day, of all our days, has done  
The worst for me and you :  
'Tis now six years since we were one  
And five since we were two.

You may show this as much as you please, but do not print it."

GUICCIOLA (TERESA). *Byron's mistress*. 3 *a. l. s.* One mentioning Lord Byron.

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Shelley, in a letter to Thomas Love Peacock, dated 21st Sept. 1819, referred to this Spanish Poet and compared him with Shakespeare, to whom he avers Calderon is second only. Shelley states:—

"Charles Clairmont is now with us on his way to Vienna. He has spent a year or more in Spain, where he has learnt Spanish, and I make

him read Spanish all day long. It is a most powerful and expressive language, and I have already learnt sufficient to read with great ease their poet CALDERON. I have read about twelve of his plays. Some of them certainly deserve to be ranked among the grandest and most perfect productions of the human mind. He exceeds all modern dramatists, with the exception of SHAKESPEARE, whom he resembles, however, in the depth of thought and subtlety of imagination of his writings, and in the rare power of interweaving delicate and powerful comic traits with the most tragical situations, without diminishing their interest. I rate him far above BEAUMONT and FLETCHER."

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In a letter to her uncle, Madame Campan refers to her occupations which have increased to such an extent that she is obliged to rise at six o'clock in the morning. In another it is a question of a Miss Caroline

Ides or Edes, an Englishwoman, a balloonist, and of Mde. de Beaumont "mon ancienne titulaire comme lectrice de Mesdames." The first letter to her friend Louise (reader to Hortense de Beauharnais, Queen of Holland) refers to a little "cabanne" which she has procured from one of the poor religious orders. For this she desires some "tabourets," one of which is for the Queen "les tabourets seront des chiffres et une grecque en noir et le fond jaune le chiffre de la Reine une H [Hortense] et un B. [Beauharnais or Bonaparte] avec la couronne Impériale." Mentions the Princess Berthier and is in love with a friend's English colony. Another letter is to Degothy the artist. Another, to her friend Louise, refers to a widow whose husband appears to have been one of the Legion of Honour. Mentions some of her pupils and the King and Queen (of Holland—Louis Bonaparte and Hortense) (1807). Again in 1807 (April) she writes that she has lost her "joli lustre," which "je devoir à l'aimable souvenir de mon aimable Reine."

Requests her to ask the Abbé Bertrand to give her (Louise) 14 chapters of the "Imitation of Christ" to read every morning on her knees for penitence, and commands him to find her "lustre."

The King and Queen are again mentioned and a marriage referred to. In another letter she is extremely curious regarding "this dear Fontaine-bleau." To the Grand-Chancelier of the Legion of Honour, Madame Campan writes that Mlle. Leclerc, daughter of Colonel Leclerc, commander at Hannau, entered as pupil in the Maison Impériale Napoléon on the 23rd Sept. 1810.

Under date of 31 Jan. 1811, from Ecouen, is a document ordering the Dame Trésorière to pay the Dames Surnuméraires 499 francs 92 cent., their pay for January 1811. To Monsieur Aimé Martin the writer explains her method during holidays:

"When my house of St. Germain existed, Sir, and when I had collected there a crowd of young pupils whom destiny reserved to play the greatest rôles in the world, I wished to amuse them in the days generally devoted to pleasures. I did not desire to give balls however and each year a thursday, monday or on Shrove Tuesday they represented *Esther* and one or two pieces of Mlle. Genlis in which were her most beautiful thoughts," or else one of her own compositions.

The Queen [Hortense] has played in one.



After the abdication of Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland, in 1810, Mme. Campan writes again to her friend relative to our dear Queen and her sorrow. "What sacrifices and what resignation it demands to support such blows of fate. Was there (ever) a being more amiable?" This is no doubt relative to the abdication.

The Queen does not complain of the letter received at 3 o'clock in the morning, and which in certain moments of the health of women could have killed her. Two other letters are dated 1816, when the writer was sixty-three years of age, and in which she says she has still five years in which she will be capable of undergoing a long journey.

The letter written in 1821, when Madame Campan was sixty-eight, is to Mde. Rousseau, and asks that lodgings be procured in Paris for one or two days which she intends to spend there. She will travel slowly. Paris was never again visited, however, for Madame Campan died soon after this letter was written.

The five letters of her husband request the favour of a "Monseigneur" for a faithful company which is threatened with the loss of its honour and possessions; criticizes and returns an invoice in which the measurement of a certain article is questioned, asks for samples of "verds" from Messrs. Barbier and Têtard, for ten yards of "taffetas de Florence double gris d'acier" for mourning, from the same people.

A letter to Monsieur Rupe asks him to pay a bill; he has not seen him lately as his health is still poor; leeches were again applied to him yesterday.

The receipt of Monsieur Rupe for the 250 livres advanced is at the bottom of this letter.

\* \* \* At the age of fifteen Madame Campan (whose maiden name was Berthollet) became reader to the daughters of Louis XV, and three years later *first lady in waiting to Marie Antoinette*.

She continued her functions up till the last moment—the awful 10th August 1793—when she was separated for ever from the Royal Family. As her biographer states, "elle vit le fer des Marseillais levé sur sa tête quand les Tuileries furent livrées au pillage"; that was after the flight of Louis XVI and his family. When the unfortunate Queen was incarcerated in the Temple, Madame Campan vainly endeavoured to persuade Petion to allow her to accompany Marie Antoinette. This devotion nearly cost her her life, for she became the object of the special suspicion of such



revolutionaries as Robespierre and Combertin. However, she evaded capture by fleeing to the valley of Chevreuse. There she learned that her sister had committed suicide at the moment of arrest.

Ruined by the Revolution Madame established a school at Saint-Germain, where Hortense de Beauharnais became her pupil, who had been confided to her care by Napoléon six months before his marriage to her mother, Josephine.

After the war in Italy, Napoléon took part in two representations of *Esther* at Madame Campan's school, and through this acquaintance the latter was appointed by Napoléon head of the famous Maison Impériale Napoléon at Ecouen.

Madame Campan's acceptance of Napoléon's patronage proved disastrous upon the return of the Bourbons, her greatest fault in her accusers' eyes being that she had not hesitated to accept service under a new reigning family after having been so closely attached to the old. Madame Campan retired to Mantes, where she lost her son, and this blow so crushed her that she gradually declined and expired in 1821, the year in which the last letter in the present Collection was written.

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The friendship between Canning and Croker began on the very day that Croker took his seat in the House of Commons.

The following quotation is taken from "The Croker Papers," edited by Jennings :—

"He (Croker) took his seat in May 1807, and lost no time in accustoming himself to the new arena in which he was to strive with fortune.

" 'I spoke very early,' he wrote, on the margin of an accurate biographical sketch, 'indeed, on the very night I took my seat. Some observations of Mr. Grattan on the state of Ireland, which I thought injurious and unfounded, called me up—nothing loath, I dare say, but quite unexpectedly even to myself; and though so obviously unpremeditated and, as it were, occasional. I, in after years, was not altogether flattered at hearing that my first speech was the best. I suspect it was so. Canning, whom I had never seen before, asked Mr. Foster to introduce me to him after the division, was very kind, and walked home with me to my lodgings.'

"Croker was in favour of some measure of Catholic Emancipation ; so, too, was Canning. Starting from the point of view common to them both, they soon became friends."

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\*.\* Sir William Chambers was the greatest architect of his day. His first work of importance was Lord Bessborough's villa at Roehampton. He taught architectural drawing to George III—his work at Kew (now Kew Gardens) for Augusta, Princess of Wales, had established him in Royal favour. Sir William was also the architect of Somerset House, the Royal Society, the Royal Academy, the Albany, and the Market House at Worcester. He was likewise employed by Earl Pembroke at Wilton, by the Duke of Marlborough at Blenheim, and by the Duke of Bedford in Bloomsbury.

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"Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> . . . The Primate (Chas. Cobbe, Archbishop of Dublin) came to me and sate two hours with me before Dinner. They seemed two the longest I ever knew, for he is remarkably cautious, & remarkably tedious and dull" etc.

"Nov. y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Many Gentlemen with me this Morning with various Applications: two Mails arrived from England, one about two Hours after the other. Among other Letters I had one from Lord Egremont, containing



his Majesty's Orders to transmit the Proposals made for raising new Corps. Much Discourse with Col: Horn & Col. Gisborne on y<sup>e</sup> subject, who both agreed to alter their Proposals according to my Idea. Went to the House of Lords in the usual state & gave my Assent to Two Bills, one of them y<sup>e</sup> Money Bill. Mr. Allen & Mr. Halcot dined with me & there was a Ball, as usual, tonight."

\* \* This Journal was kept by Lord Chesterfield when Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.

Chesterfield arrived in Dublin in July 1745, and although his vice-royalty lasted only eight months, it proved him to be a tactful and enlightened statesman. The planting of Phoenix Park was one of his projects. On April 23rd 1746 he left Ireland on leave of absence, and a long illness prevented his return.

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\* \* During the greater part of Clive's stay in England at this period, Lawrence Sullivan was Chairman of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, a person with whom Clive had carried on a most friendly correspondence when last in India. But owing to jealousy of Clive's influence, on the part of Sullivan, an estrangement took place and Clive

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" Give me leave to call to your remembrance some discourse we had together about the (East India) Company's Affairs (in which the honor and interest of our Nation was so much concerned) and to inform you I have now the particular satisfaction of seeing the great Object of my wishes nearly accomplished.

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" Our affairs not going on very well at Trichinopoly. Mr. Clive proposed to Mr. Saunders for to send some Troops to go & take Arcot Fort,



which the Governor approved of, they being too strong for us at Trichinopoly, that they might Draw their forces that way. The Governor gave Mr. Clive a Captain's commission & sent with him 200 Military and 300 Sepoys, as there were but two officers besides Mr. Clive, the Governor thought it too few. Mr. Saunders gave that any of the Gentlemen in the Company's service might go out as it was for the good of the service. Mr. Pybus, Mr. Kennett & I went out as officers. We left Madras the 26 Aug. and marched for Arcot. The day before we got there, the Enemy ran away & left the Fort, & we took possession of the Fort the 1st September.

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. . . Still I confess I have not all the faith which some feel in the advantages to be hoped from direct legislation, especially in that species of legislation which looks to success from the creation of abstracts in the way of the everyday indulgence of the appetite for strong drinks . . . I am quite favourable to the closing of the public houses wherever it is practicable and consistent with the desires of the community. . . . For six months in the year it is the natural desire of every person living in the Metropolis to see the face of nature and enjoy the clear sun of Heaven. I was myself as a boy for several years living in the very centre of the Metropolis & remember the delight with which I escaped from Cheapside to Highgate or Kensington on a Sunday," etc.

Cobden's letter of 10 Jan. 1840 addressed to H. Hooper is very interesting, being the first letter he sent by the penny post :—

"The first penny letter I post shall be to enquire what is in contemplation for giving a public tribute to Mr. Hill?" (the founder of Penny Postage).

In another he refers to the lack of *railways in Sussex*. "Here I am in an almost inaccessible retreat (Midhurst) with no railroad (thanks to the great landowners of West Sussex) and without any proper accommodation for receiving my friends," etc.

In his letter to George Condry, Cobden writes :—

"We want the help of the independent press to enable the Anti-Corn-law Party to make head against the attempt to swamp us in the vague cry for '*tariff reform*.' You can remember the free-traders of 1825, how they slashed away at the protection to silks, gloves, ribbons, lace, & the like, but when two years after they took up the questions of corn, cattle, butter, etc., they turned round upon their own principles and voted Free-trade (which was all the fashion in 1825) a low-lived revolutionary notion. The aristocrats are preparing to play the same game over again. Free-trade is to be once more fashionable when applied to rum or molasses, but not a crumb will they disgorge of the bread robbery if they can help it. *Now* is the time then for the independent press to strike for justice for the people," etc.

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Cockburn was the Admiral of the warship which conveyed Napoleon to St. Helena. He also acted as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island until the arrival of Sir Hudson Lowe.

References to Napoleon occur in the present correspondence.

Sir George Cockburn was a lieutenant on board Nelson's famous ship the *Victory* in 1798, and was under his immediate orders two years later. By his zeal during a very trying period he won that great sailor's friendship. After distinguishing himself in the Mediterranean he was ordered to Bermuda on the outbreak of the war with the United States in 1812, and with a small squadron attacked the Americans at Chesapeake. In the following year, after the Battle of Bladensburgh, the forces under Cockburn entered the city of Washington and retired unmolested after destroying an enormous quantity of government stores. Cockburn was the guiding spirit of this campaign. He also advanced on Baltimore.

This Correspondence is of great historical importance, and relates to questions of navigation; to King Ferdinand of Naples, whose subjects, the Admiral suggests, should "depose this adopted son of Buonaparte and give the kingdom to the next Heir which may be out of the Power of the French Emperor."

The letter of 13 Sept. 1810 refers to Cadiz, which Cockburn thinks the French can never take.

References occur throughout to the great Duke of Wellington. In regard to naval promotions, Cockburn mentions "Washington" in the letter of 6 Nov. 1814.

On 9th August 1815 the Admiral mentions the ex-Emperor (Napoleon) who was then a prisoner at St. Helena.

An even more important reference to Napoleon's fallen state appears in the letter of 21st April 1816:—

"I have," wrote the Admiral, "DELIVERED THE EX-EMPEROR AND HIS FOLLOWERS ALL SAFE AND WELL TO SIR HUDSON LOWE." This letter is dated from St. Helena. Sir George Cockburn hoisted his flag on board the *Northumberland* and conveyed Napoleon to St. Helena, starting from England on 8th August 1815. On Oct. 15 he arrived at St. Helena and, after landing his prisoner, remained on the island in the twofold capacity of Governor and Commander-in-Chief. The duties were extremely irksome owing to the necessity of exercising increased vigilance. In the summer of 1816, however, he was relieved by the arrival of Sir Hudson Lowe.

A letter from a Captain of the Marines relative to the War in America and addressed to Sir George Cockburn accompanies the Correspondence. In this letter the officer states:—

"Having had the honour of serving in the 2nd Battalion of Royal Marines under your command when in America . . . and commanding the Battalion at the attack of Point Petre and the town of St. Mary's in Georgia, I also did the duty of Field Officer on the March against Baltimore." The Captain also states that he was employed in destroying the dockyard and arsenal at Washington, and asks for promotion.

In Oct. 1818 Cockburn wrote regarding American pirates:—

"Have they recollected to send Sir George Collier the circular against the Yankee-South-American-Pirates."

A reference to O'Meara's case occurs in the letter of 13 Nov. 1818.

O'Meara was the confidential medical adviser of the Emperor Napoleon, and wrote "A Voice from St. Helena." He was a surgeon on board the *Bellerophon* when Napoleon went on board. The ex-Emperor approached O'Meara and asked if he would accompany him when he was transferred to the *Northumberland* for the voyage to St. Helena. O'Meara did so, and remained with the ex-Emperor until July 1818, when he was recalled and deprived of his rank for insubordination towards Sir Hudson Lowe.

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They refer to General Lafayette's election, to his own works, to Napoleon, his visit to Göttingen, etc., etc.

Accompanying these letters are the original drafts of two agreements, drawn up by Constant's publishers, Bossange frères & Ponthieu, relative to the publication of his "*De la Religion considérée dans sa source et ses Formes*," which was placed on the Index at Rome. These agreements contain many alterations and additions in Constant's autograph. 9 pages, 4to.

\*.\* Benjamin Constant was born at Lausanne in 1767. At the commencement of the French Revolution he resided in Paris and distinguished himself both by his political writings and his speeches in the Senate. Under the government of the Directory, Constant was elected to the office of Tribune (1799), and zealously endeavoured to maintain the equality of citizens, the freedom of the Press, and the regular administration of justice. His conduct, however, rendered him obnoxious to the First Consul (Napoleon), and he was dismissed in 1802. In 1814 Constant returned to Paris and advocated the Cause of the Bourbons. In 1819 he was elected a member of the Chamber of Deputies, where he long remained leader of the Opposition. At the Revolution of 1830, he became President of the Council of State.

Constant's best known work is his novel "*Adolphe*," published in 1816. His political writings were published under the title "*Cours de Politique Constitutionnelle*, 1817-20."

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last summoned you to give your Person all  
attendance on Us at Our Royall Coronation we is  
to be on the 23<sup>th</sup> day of April next, yet being informed  
of the great inconvenience and all consequent of your  
absence according to Our said Summons may be to  
you We are graciously pleased of Our Privately  
goodnes to discharge w<sup>th</sup> your being at the said solemn-  
ity, and w<sup>th</sup> these Services we are to be performed  
then by you and so w<sup>th</sup> you warily follow. Given  
at Our Court at Whitehall the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the  
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A contemporary note is written on the first page of the first Sermon, probably in the autograph of his son and biographer, George Crabbe.

This note states, in reference to the sermon, "Inserted as a specimen of one of his earliest Sermons written probably before he entered the Church, not fit for the press."

The success of one of Crabbe's publications "The Library," hastened by Burke's warm advocacy, at once gave its author a position in literature. Burke meanwhile advised him to take orders, as offering the most suitable career, and at the request of Burke, backed by Dudley North and Mr. Charles Long, Bishop Yonge of Norwich admitted Crabbe to deacon's orders 21 Dec. 1781. He was licensed as curate to Mr. Bennet, the rector of Aldeburgh, and took priest's orders the following August. . . . Burke soon after obtained for Crabbe the offer of a chaplaincy to the Duke of Rutland, and he accordingly went to reside at Belvoir in 1782. Crabbe later became rector of Muston and Allington. "His preaching attracted large congregations. He was a clergyman of the old-fashioned school, a good friend to the poor, for whose benefit he still practised medicine, and a preacher of good homespun morality."

Scott and Wordsworth had some of Crabbe's poetry by heart, and the former, like Fox, read him during his last illness.

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10. CARLYLE (THOMAS). HOLOGRAPH LETTER, SIGNED. 3 pages, 8vo. Written in blue pencil. *Chelsea, March 8, 1870*. To the same. Giving him full instructions as to the engraving of the mask, and not doubting that he will "bring out a right likeness of the dead Oliver."

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13. CARLYLE (THOMAS). HOLOGRAPH LETTER, SIGNED. 2 pages, 8vo. Written in blue pencil. *Chelsea, March 20 (1870).* To the same. He is not quite satisfied with the drawing from the cast: "It is not completely like, the wart quite wrong placed . . . no cast which has not a wart can be considered fit."
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\*.\* The preceding eight letters (Nos. 8 to 15) form a complete correspondence, and were the subject of a magazine article, which is inserted in the volume.

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Sir Roger Curtis was, in all probability, a descendant of that Roger Curtis who served with Sir John Lawson on board the *Swiftsure* and was slain at Algiers in 1662.

The writer of the present Correspondence entered the navy in 1763, serving on board the *Royal Sovereign*.

Twice he served off the coast of Newfoundland, the second time as lieutenant. In 1775 Captain (afterwards Lord) Shaldon, Commander-in-Chief on the North American station, appointed Curtis Lieutenant of the flagship, and promoted him to the command of the *Senegal* a year later.

Curtis returned to England in command of the flagship with Lord Howe in 1778.

After serving in the English Channel, the Mediterranean, and taking a very important share for eighteen months in defending Gibraltar, Curtis was knighted (in 1782).

Upon another occasion when sent home by Lord Howe with despatches, the King, George III, threw a massive gold chain about his neck and assured Sir Roger of the Royal Family's regard and friendship. He was soon after promoted to Rear-Admiral and created a Baronet. In 1799 he became a Vice-Admiral and attained the full rank of Admiral in 1805.

The letters comprised in this Correspondence are of considerable American importance.

They date from 1809-1815.

In the letter dated 12 Jan. 1810 the Admiral refers to the search of the American ship *Maddison* for Papers. The Papers found on board were: "1 for Mr. Maddison, the President; 6 for the American Secretary of

State; 1 for Mr. Dashcoff, Russian Chargé d'Affaires; 1 for Mr. Pidersin, Danish Consul-General."

On 21st Jan. the same year, the Admiral again mentions the papers found on board the American ship *Maddison*, and also refers to Mr. Morris.

In the letter of 1 Feb. 1810, the Court Martial on Lord Gambier is mentioned, and Curtis thanks Croker for the manner in which he protected the party for the defence, against the gross insinuations of Lord Cochrane.

\* \* Admiral Lord Gambier was charged with excess of caution, and Sir Roger Curtis was President of the Court Martial which tried and acquitted him.

The news of Wellington's Victory over Massena was brought by an American sloop of war, Curtis states.

Another letter refers to the sad state of the King's (George III) madness.

"We *prayed* for our dear King yesterday—we did not *drink* for him," etc.

The same subject is broached in the letter of 1 November 1810.

"The dear, good, King—How deeply distressing. Omit not I beseech you to send me a line occasionally on this heart-rending subject. I have had my fears for days past but notwithstanding the bodings of my heart, your note this morning threw me into great dejection of spirits."

Reference occurs to Napoleon's preparations for invading England in these words: "the enemy is sending gun vessels, and vessels with troops from Boulogne to Havre and from thence to Cherburgh" (letter 78).

Another letter of American interest is the one sent by Admiral Curtis from Portsmouth on 19 November 1811: "... I am to acquaint you I have employed in a confidential manner an intelligent person to endeavour to discover, from any men who have had communication with the American Frigate *Constitution*, whether any British subjects are on board that ship, but as yet I have received no information on the subject. The *Constitution* has this day removed from Spithead to near the Motherbank, but before she lay near the *Havanah*, and I have questioned the First Lieutenant of

that ship, whether he had observed any boats belonging to His Majesty's ship, have communication with the American Frigate, and he has informed me that he knows of no other boats than those of the *Havanah*, which boats have been twice alongside her, but he did not learn from any persons who were in the boats, that any subjects of His Majesty were on board the American ship. He said he had seen wherries alongside her, and some sailing vessels, apparently carrying her provisions, but I cannot find out what the sailing vessels or wherries were, that the lieutenant of the *Havanah* saw. As the wind is now apparently coming to the eastward, and the *Constitution* will most probably sail tomorrow, should the order for passing the baggage of Mr. Smith, late Chargé d'Affaires, through the Custom House unexamined, arrive, I shall in the morning write to the captain the letter, directed by your official letter of yesterday."

The next letter, 20 November 1811, is also on the same subject :

"Your note of this morning gave me pleasure, for, with becoming humility I speak it, I really thought we were proceeding much too hastily respecting the American Frigate.

"I thought we were about to unsheath a two-edged sword, the wounds of which would be more injurious to the party who drew it, than to those against whom it was drawn. The result of my inquiries from vessels that have been alongside the Frigate is this—that no person whatever was allowed to go into the ship—nor was any man belonging to her permitted to appear on the gangways, or on any other part of the ship—that when water or provisions were put on board her, the people belonging to the Vessels slung the casks, and they were hoisted into the ship without a word being spoken ; so that I knew of no means of ascertaining whether any British subjects are on board, or not, except by search."

Other letters of American interest are included, we quote from two of them :

Letter 91.

"With my Official Letter (No. 185) of the 25th ultimo, I enclosed an affidavit of the Wife of William Bowman, an Englishman on board the American Sloop of War *Hermit*, which vessel is now at Cowes. I do not think it right to mention this subject either officially, or even in a demi-official note, as it may involve matters of State, and therefore only

mention it thus privately to you. I understand that a Constable of this place has (foolishly enough) gone on board the *Hornet* with a warrant to take the man out of the vessel, and that, as might have been expected, he was refused to be given up."

Letter 111.

"Having been employed in America when we had formerly an army in that country, and knowing that such army was almost entirely fed with provisions from England and Ireland, I hoped, when I first heard that a considerable number of troops was destined for America, that due care would be taken to send them a sufficiency of provisions; for in the days to which I allude, there was little, or no, provisions of any kind, to be obtained in that Country. Nor having observed in the public prints that any Victuallers have sailed for America, I venture, thus privately and confidentially to mention the subject to you.

"At the time that I served in America, the salted provisions were, I think, sent from Ireland by Contractors, who provided the ships in which it was conveyed, and they were of such force, that I believe they sailed without Convoy. It is for consideration whether, as things are now, such a mode of transporting the means of existence for our Army, will be expedient. Even Convoys, going to America especially, are so likely to be dispersed, it should seem that the best, and safest means of conveying provisions would be to send it in ships of considerable burthen, and of such force, as to leave no chance of its capture by the American small Vessels of War, or Privateers; and it may be considered whether any class of ships belonging to the Navy, may be advantageously employed on that service. At all events, care must be taken that abundant supplies be so timely and regularly sent that no risk be run to the Army wanting provisions; for formerly some delay in the arrival of the expected Provision Ships, has given us the utmost uneasiness and alarm."

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In his letter dated 22 May 1770, Delambre mentions the famous French actress Mlle. Dumesnil. "Je suis scandalisé de l'injustice qu'on fait a Mlle. Duménil. Il me semble que Mlle. Clairon (the actress) après avoir quitté le théâtre comme elle l'a fait ne devois pas être choisie pour jouer à la cour dans une circonstance si flatteuse. D'où vient la préférence qu'elle obtient (?) Mlle. Dumesnil n'auroit elle pu rendre aussi bien le rôle d'Athalie." The writer also mentions Sherlock's writing on Suicide and Young's "du triste et sombre ouvrage des nuits" ("Night Thoughts").



Lamartine is referred to, and an Italian air which very strongly resembles the air of *La Rosière*. In a letter dated 21 Aug. 1770, Delambre says he has not written for such a long time but this was on account of the distractions of the King's sojourn at Compiègne which has rather bored him. Delambre quotes Milton and mentions Prévile (the celebrated French comedian) who happily plays every day and is well applauded. He has seen Silvain and is very pleased with several of the scenes.

All that he reads of Gretry enchants him and adds to his admiration of him, etc., etc.

Favart, to whom these letters are addressed, was the son of C. S. Favart, dramatist, and Madame Favart, actress, and was himself a dramatist and comedian.

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In 1852 Lord Derby became Prime Minister and held that position for 10 months. In 1858 he again held office as Premier and succeeded in passing his India Bill. He was, however, defeated on the question of Parliamentary Reform, and resigned office in June 1859.

In 1866 Lord Derby for the third time became Prime Minister and succeeded in defeating Lord John Russell's new Reform Bill but only to pass, next year, a similar one which his opponents declared to be of a still more sweeping character.

Early in 1868, the Earl surrendered the leadership of his party into the hands of Mr. Disraeli, later Lord Beaconsfield, and retired into private life on Oct. 23 1869.

Lord Derby's speeches are greatly admired for their eloquence and fire, and he was styled in the House of Commons "the Rupert of Debate."

Some of these letters are long and important. Of Louis Napoleon's *coup d'état* Lord Derby writes:—

"... It is certain that the President has openly violated the constitution which he had sworn to observe and maintain; but, on the other hand, I believe that he sincerely endeavoured to make the constitution work, and that his *coup d'état* was not resolved upon until the inherent

weakness of the constitution itself had brought the machine of government to a deadlock."

In other letters Lord Derby criticizes the famous Statue of the Duke of Wellington. In a letter dated Oct. 1, 1847, referring to an article intended for the *Quarterly Review*, he says:—

"I am sorry to say I concur also in thinking reunion with Peel at any future time impossible. There are a few expressions respecting him which I think might be softened, but I am as convinced as you are of the danger of the line he has taken and of the spirit in which he is likely to follow it up."

He mentions both Goulburn and Gladstone as "adherents of Peel," and refers to the illness of Disraeli.

Lord Derby also refers to the Free Trade Policy, Irish Franchise, the *Peelites*, etc.

In a letter dated 7 June 1851, he writes of the present state of politics:—

"The aspect of affairs does not improve and the result of the bungle, for I can call it nothing else, on Walpole's amendments the other night, has been most disastrous . . . it has shown a want of power among our Leaders in the House of Commons of controlling and conducting a debate which has deprived them of authority and confidence. . . . The present men must remain at their posts, and we have only to hope that they may either be unable to agree on their new 'Reform' or that they may bring forward a measure which may be a source of embarrassment to them instead of strength," etc. (This letter refers to the Government formed by Lord John Russell after Lord Derby had failed to form one.)

Lord Derby refers to the relations between France and England and believes a war between the two would be very unpopular, etc., etc., etc.

Accompanying this correspondence is the original autograph draft of a letter from Croker to Lord Derby dated 13 March 1851 (3½ pages, folio), mentioning Lockhart and an article in the *Quarterly Review*.





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Letter 1. Dated *Bloomsbury Square, 7 March 1819.*

Relative to "Tom Carew" (*temp.* Charles II).

Letter 3. No date (but *Nov. 1823*).

Relative to Sir Nicholas Throckmorton's papers.

Letter 7. Dated *Bloomsbury Square*, 7 Feb. 1824.

Relative to the editor of the *Morning Chronicle* who has long been "the Father of Lies." Mentions the "Conway Papers," and a new edition of his own "Curiosities of Literature."

Letter 9. Dated *Bloomsbury Square*, 19 March (no year, but c. 1824).

Relative to the institution in favour of Authors and Men of Science, and to the dissolution of the Royal Institution.

Letter 11. Dated *Pulteney Hotel*, 31 May (no year, but c. 1824).

Relative to Croker's "Boswell." "Doubtless you have not omitted the lecture (?) of the secret history of the Gold Medal which old Thomas Sheridan gave to Home, the author of 'Douglas,' and of which Whyte of Dublin published an account in a pamphlet on Boswell," etc.

Letter 12. Dated *Athenæum (Club)*, 12 May (no year, but c. 1824).

Sending Croker the third and fourth volumes of his "Commentaries on Charles I."

Letter 13. Dated *Bloomsbury Square*, 2 July (an error for January) 1829.

Relative to his history of Charles the First, and asking for the use of any original communication of that period which Croker may possess.

"When I shall have terminated my History, I intend to collect all the letters of Charles I into a volume for those who might wish to possess them. I am confident, when viewed all together they will be a creditable memorial of his ability which has been much under-rated, and his character will show itself in these letters, in a clearer light than any historian has yet cast over it."

Continuing, D'Israeli states his object in writing the History. "I do not know that we advance greatly by the discovery of Truth—in the history of the Past—affairs will go on as usual with the passions and interests of men, but it may happen that in the history of the Past, some may pause, when they discover in it, their own."

Letter 14. Dated *Bloomsbury Square*, 23 Jan. 1829.

An extremely interesting letter relative to the "Conway Papers" which Croker was to edit, but which D'Israeli regrets will not be done

(presumably because the Government forbids the publication). Continuing, he mentions Croker's self-imposed task of re-editing Boswell's "Life of Dr. Johnson":

"I congratulate you, My dear Sir, on having struck out a Literary labour which will prove to be a most variable recreation—the editing of Boswell. You there have touched a vein which will flow, and I am all alive. It was one of the earliest books which fed my taste for Literature, and literary men. On its publication it raised a great disturbance of which I could afford you many ludicrous instances. It was an act of juvenile heroism on my part, to have declared it would outlast the delightful Menagiana (Monnoye's edition) but people knew little of such *Ana* in that day. So many were displeased at themselves in those volumes, so many secrets were published, so many of the malcontents found themselves unnoticed, that nothing but abuse and reading the Book was heard. My old friend Caleb Whiteford, who lived above me in my Chambers at the Adelphi assured me the conversations were not correct—some of his puns had not been immortalised. Peter Pindar once called Boswell in a letter to me, 'Johnson's spitting pot,' and the critical Reviewer of my 'Dissertation on Anecdotes,' which proved to be Dr. George Gregory, after due commendation of the young author anathematised him for his Eulogy on Boswell, the anathema being rather voluminous probably will exhibit the condensed protests of the oppositionists. I can afford you one striking evidence of the fidelity of Boswell's circumstantiality.

"My edition of Boswell is the second—the Author's own—I possess none of the modern editions, though Malone, and the Author's son, edited them. Malone's notes are always useful but dry, as the Work itself is a heap of notes, will you not find some difficulty in contriving space to add your new ones? . . . I imagine I would Boswellise with you through a long Summer's day. Whenever you consult me, I shall rejoice to aid you, but at present, I have contracted a debt of honour with the public which I must satisfy. It is in vain I attempt to quit my Charles the First, since he will not quit me."

\* \* \* HIGHLY IMPORTANT, being relative to Croker's Boswell and D'Israeli's famous history of Charles the First.



Letter 16. Dated *Bloomsbury Square*, 24 Feb. 1829.

Mentions Addison and Pope. "Before I apply to Upcott, I must have a conversation with you. I cannot act for anything for the new edition of Boswell without mentioning the Editor's name, and at present, I do not think I can do this without your consent. What I have to say of the man himself—that is Upcott—will be easier said than written," etc.

Letter 17. Dated *Bloomsbury Square*, 28 April 1829.

Mentions Bassompierre's *Memoirs*, the extracts from which, and the running Commentary, is a fortunate idea. Flatters Croker's vivacious character. "You have formed one more precious volume for the historical shelf." Is much concerned that public attention should be excited over it. Refers to the work of Miss Lucy Askew, all the facts which she publishes have been repeated ten times before. He suspects she is going to write "*Memoirs of the Court of Charles I.*," a work on which D'Israeli was already engaged. D'Israeli describes the lady as a fashionable Mantua maker "who after all her trimmings and pickerings is only giving a new form to her old silks." Mentions his own "*Curiosities of Literature.*" He is not to be frightened off (his Charles I) by Miss Lucy. "I must with so many courses before me, decline all dangerous attempts, if it is to meet you. My intention is, according to the question of these literary times to announce my work, to blow a flourish or two before the Show is got up. The more people wait, it seems the better chance of a full house. However, my intention after all, is to work slowly."

Disraeli says that he has supplied Murray with a list of his books which he will be glad to have if Croker has finished with it. "One cannot take a step in these black times without a Watchman and a lanthorn, and sometimes it happens that we must be cautious of the Watchman himself; there is a tact in relying or deciding on historical authorities which is rarely possessed (*sic*), to know how much of truth there is in the falsehood before us, and even in telling the truth how much is omitted," etc., etc., etc.

This is an EXTREMELY INTERESTING letter relative to Croker's "*Boswell*" and to D'Israeli's own work. His "*Charles I*" is the best work of its author.

Letter 18. Dated *Bloomsbury Square*, 2 July 1829.

Thanks Croker for offering to let him examine the "Conway Papers" and mentions a bulky manuscript relative to Sir Thos. Overbury. Refers to his removal to Bradenham House, and the consequent miseries of removing.

Letter 19. Dated *Pulteney Hotel*, April 1830.

Relative to his "Charles I."

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Three of the letters, those of 30 Nov. 1838, 11 May 1839 (the latter relative to Lord Melbourne's resignation) and 8 March 1840, are published *in extenso* in "The Croker Papers"; the remainder are entirely UNPUBLISHED.

In a letter dated Nov. 30th 1838, written from Hanover, the Duke mentions the neglect of his old political friends in England, the only one who has not forgotten him being Lord Londonderry. He has not even heard from the man who was constantly with him when the Prince was in England (Billy Holmes the adroit and dexterous whip of the Tory party). He "feels very, very uneasy as to the State of Affairs there (in England), and hardly can imagine what will be the end; the more I consider the present position, the greater the dangers appear to me. You are ever in this position, Ireland ripe for rebellion, Canada completely so, or will be so, your affairs in India anything but *couleur de rose*." The King resents the action of his party in not turning out the Government when they had the chance, and gives his opinion of the actions of the politicians in general. "I cannot tell you all the bile I made last year when reading the Speeches of our great Leaders upon the Canadian Affairs, it absolutely made me sick." The conclusion of this letter concerns his rule in Hanover—"I am going on quietly but steadily, have already been able to reform many abuses, but where no Master has been for upwards of 120 years, many irregularities have crept in which can only by degrees be corrected," etc.

The next letter is dated from Hanover 21st Jan. 1839, in which the Duke again refers to the "state of poor old dear England." "I know no one to save her, for situated as she is, having in fact no sovereign, for THAT POOR DEAR CHILD (QUEEN VICTORIA), WHOM GOD PRESERVE from any accident, I CANNOT CONSIDER HER AS ACTUALLY REIGNING, or having a will from [*i.e.* outside] the nursery was she informed she was (*sic*) become Queen, and thus at once to decide the fate of the Country, it is monstrous for anyone to think she could, ergo Melbourne's power; and is no limit to be put to this power? Is he to be permitted to throw away all the Rights of the Monarchy and allow the Radicals thus to go on? as it appears they are permitted to do in Ireland and the Northern Counties of England." Mentions Peel and the Duke of Wellington.

In another letter dated 11 May 1839, the Duke mentions the downfall of Melbourne's Ministry and speaks of Queen Victoria again. "As to the

LIKING OR DISLIKING OF THE PRESENT SOVEREIGN (VICTORIA) EXCUSE ME WHEN I SAY THIS CASE IS OF LITTLE WEIGHT, AS I LOOK UPON HER TO BE INCAPABLE OF JUDGING, POOR THING, and I excuse her of all the mischief she has been accessory to from her total want of knowledge of men, or things. That Melbourne has acted most shamefully by her is too notorious for anyone to deny," etc.

The next letter is dated 18 May 1839, and the King of Hanover again refers to the Government of England, and Melbourne, whom he thinks to be incapable of carrying on that Government with the late members of it unless he includes Grote, Herries, and the most violent Radicals. Mentions Peel, and Lords W. and J. Russell.

The letter dated 9 Dec. 1839 is highly important, being relative to THE MARRIAGE OF QUEEN VICTORIA, which, he says, "did not surprise" him, "nor can it have surprised anyone for it had been planned ever since the year 30" (1830).

A most interesting reference to the Duke of Wellington occurs in another letter—"Thank God, at least for the present, the *life* of our Hero has been saved, but I fear *his* whole existence must be very *precarious*, and two such dreadful and awful attacks following each other after so short a period must have shaken his constitution dreadfully, and it is really a shame that he is so careless of his health and will thus expose himself, he ought to remember that his *life* is a *Public* one," etc.

The King writes (on Aug. 15 1840) stating that he "cannot bring myself to believe that Louis Philippe will be so wrongheaded as to go to War with us."

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FIELDING (SIR JOHN). *Half-Brother of the Novelist*. LETTER, SIGNED. 2 pages, 4to. *Bow Street*, Dec. 9, 1762. To Lord Holderness, giving him particulars of the orders he has issued for his protection to and from the House of Lords.

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*Public Office, Bow Street, 12 Nov. 1770.* Being the oath of a private soldier, Thomas Davis.

\* \* Henry Fielding was born at Sharpham Park. The above deeds and letters were found a few years ago among a number of old papers at a solicitor's offices, where it is believed that they have remained since the firm was founded 120 years ago.

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"No favourable occasion for the display of Mr. Croker's debating powers arose till the following year, 1809, when Colonel Wardle brought forward his charges against the Duke of York, Commander-in-Chief, of corruptly sharing with his mistress, Mary Anne Clarke, the profits arising from the sale of commissions in the army. There could be no doubt of the sway which this woman—who was the daughter of a French polisher and the wife of a builder—had gained over the Duke, although she was by no means in her first youth when he became acquainted with her, and had never been overburdened with moral scruples. She was a mercenary and designing creature who had led a wild and worthless life; and she was doubtless quite capable of spreading abroad the impression that the surest road to advancement in the service was to gain her favour, and that her favour was only to be secured by money. In 1807 the Duke's acquaintance with her ceased. She then formed an intimacy of the same kind with Colonel Wardle, her pension was withdrawn, and in revenge—as no one can now doubt—she accused the Duke of participating with her in the proceeds of the scandalous sale of military appointments. The House inquired into the charge, and after a searching investigation, in which the King's favourite son was certainly not spared, the Duke was exonerated from the accusation, although it was justly held that in many respects his conduct had been most rash and reprehensible. The minority, in fact, was large enough to render the Duke's resignation necessary. Mr. Croker took an active part in these proceedings, on the side of the Duke, and it was admitted that the art with which he sifted the evidence of the witnesses, and the great address and skill shown in his speech in reply to Sir Francis Burdett, tended very greatly towards bringing about the Duke's formal acquittal."

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So reasonably expect to recover by law - I meant no

My Dear Sister,

I was extremely sorry to find by your last Letter, that you could suppose me offended in the least degree by what you said in your former; I hope my Dear we have more affection for each other, if not more sense, than to suffer what may be said in joke to make any material difference in our good wishes towards each other; I assure you what I said was without the least intention of offending, I only meant in my own manner to urge all parties to claim their Rights; and to set all joking aside, I do think that poor Betty should be allowed something besides her share in other respects to reward her giving up what she might so reasonably expect to recover by Law - I meant no

good wishes towards each other . . . I do think that poor Betsy should be allowed something besides her share," etc.

4. GAINSBOROUGH (THOMAS, R.A.). *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to. To SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS.

"Sir Joshua,

"I think myself highly honour'd and much obliged to you for this singular mark of your favor ; I may truly say I have brought my Piggs (*sic*) to a fine market.

"Dear Sir,

"Your ever obliged and obedient servant,

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6. GAINSBOROUGH (THOMAS, R.A.). *A. l. s.*, 1 page, 4to, 1st May, 1788. To R. Bowyer.

"I am extremely obliged to you for your kind anxiety for my recovery. But as I have reason and every assurance from Dr. Heberden (who has known many swellings dispersed like mine and no mischief come) I shall not on any account interfere in what Mr. Hunter is about."

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"I hope my dear little Ford got something for her benefit—I am proud that Madam likes her silk—I thought it pretty, & was satisf'd—I intend to, see her soon in it, & receive the tributary kiss—my Love to her. My Nurse the best in Europe desires to be most affectly remember'd to you, etc."

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to look to for support under them, and a merciful God will never forsake you. Make your husband your best friend, to him you must cling and by all I have heard Mrs. Thompson bears so good a character that I feel convinced you will be happy, and both will do all for dear Mrs. Gwyn whose conduct has been as perfect as possible to you, no praise can be too much for her. I mean to write her a few lines—I was so anxious to write that I took up my pen the instant it was in my power for distance makes no change in me and I rather think increases if that were possible my affection for old friends.

“You are very amiable about wishing to see me in England—Alass those days I fear are gone by, much as I might wish it I have lost too much not to think of it with pain, besides I am growing very old am neither useful nor ornamental. The court is young and tho’ the amiable and gracious young Queen is all that we can possibly wish still it never can be as it was to me and I am one of those who dread being *de trop*. Wiesbaden has done me good in easing my pains which really were dreadful but going this Autumn, when the season was over and quietly bathing I was wonderfully better—at present the weather is so uncertain that I must expect to be less well—that is to say perfectly well in health but lamer and in more pain. I do what I can and even have walked a little in my Garden where I am making some improvements—but Gardens here and in dear Old England are very different for those here are not worth looking at till April. Laurels are a Green House plant so are jessamine which is so lovely running over the cottages in England and none of our evergreens can bear this climate. I had reared and brought forward a most lovely Cedar of Lebanon which was my pride and had grown to about ten feet high the severity of last winter killed it.

“Now I must say adieu to you as I am very backward with my English letters which must be off tomorrow.”

ELIZABETH (PRINCESS). PORTRAIT. *Three-quarters length*. After Sir Wm. Beechey, by Cheesman. *Harding, 1806*

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AUGUSTUS (DUKE OF SUSSEX). *Sixth son of George III.* HOLOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "AUGUSTUS." 3 pages, 4to. 7th July 1820. To Pettigrew. Relative to his library.

"I shall be delighted to see Dr. Parr on my arrival in town, whose acquaintance I have long been ambitious to make, and if he approves of my library he will make me truly proud. For his name is much revered and I should have enjoyed examining the magnificent treasures contained in the Holkham Library with the learned Doctor—as a pipe does not frighten me we should have done very well together. Mrs. Roscoe has just sent up a great box full of manuscripts and Bibles. Mrs. Cotter left me to open them and though fond of farming I had a great feast in examining these valuable treasures and remaining quietly at home. There is one very singular Latin Bible [in] which I have discovered that the passage relating to the Trinity is not to be found. I believe it to be a manuscript Bible of about the seventh or eighth century. At Venice I recollect a Greek one which is believed to be of the 3rd or 4th, where the same omission is to be found. I put a note into the Bible. Were I able to meet the Doctor tomorrow I should be delighted but as next week at latest I shall be in town, I hope then to give him a quiet dinner and . . . some other choice few shall be of the party.

"The clock has gone nine I must therefore bid you adieu. The inflammation of my foot is gone but not the swelling. I expect this day letters from the Strand when I will immediately forward what you want. . . . Pray send my print direct to me at Holkham. Until Tuesday next I remain here."

AUGUSTUS (DUKE OF SUSSEX). PORTRAIT. *Head and shoulders.*  
After Sir Wm. Beechey, by M. A. Bourlier. *Harding, 1806*

ADOLPHUS FREDERICK (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE). *Seventh son of George III.* HOLOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "ADOLPHUS FREDERICK." 1 page, 4to. Calais, 16th Aug. 1820. To the Rev. Thos. Morgan. Thanking him for a sermon, etc.

ADOLPHUS FREDERICK (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE). POR-  
TRAIT. *Head and shoulders.* *Harding, 1806*

Proof before the artist's and engraver's names.

GEORGE (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE). *Son of the preceding.* HOLOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "GEORGE." *1 page, 8vo. Cambridge (1838).* To Sir Chas. Thornton. Written on behalf of his Father and Mother and inviting Sir Chas. to dinner.

MARY (DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER). *Fourth daughter of George III.* HOLOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "MARY." *2 pages, 8vo.* Mentions the King of Hanover.

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OCTAVIUS (PRINCE). *Eighth son of George III.* PORTRAIT. *Half length.* After Gainsborough, by Cheesman. *Harding, 1806*

ALFRED (PRINCE). *Ninth son of George III.* PORTRAIT. *Half length.* After Gainsborough, by M. A. Bourlier. *Harding, 1806*

These two princes both died in infancy, Octavius at the age of four years and Alfred at two years.

AMELIA (PRINCESS). *Sixth daughter of George III.* PORTRAIT. *Three-quarters length.* After Sir Wm. Beechey, by Cheesman.  
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AMELIA (PRINCESS). HOLOGRAPH NOTE SIGNED "AMELIA."  
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The autograph of this Princess, George III's youngest daughter and fifteenth child, is extremely rare, as the Princess died at the age of twenty-seven.

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**GERMANY.** HOLOGRAPH LETTERS and STATE PAPERS (under the Royal Sign Manual) of the THREE EMPERORS OF GERMANY: WILLIAM I, FREDERICK, WILLIAM II, and their Consorts.

Letter 1. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from the EMPEROR WILLIAM I, while Prince of Prussia, to Madame de Berg—*née* Haesler.<sup>1</sup> Dated from *Berlin*, 24 June 1823.

In reply to a note informing him of the message from the Duchess of Cumberland.<sup>2</sup> The contents have pleased him in so far that he sees it was best to come to a decision. He makes a thousand wishes for Augusta's future happiness, which, however, appears to him to be rather critical, on account mainly of the father-in-law. He has communicated the news to his brother.<sup>3</sup>

(Signed) Yours most sincerely,  
WILHELM P.

<sup>1</sup> The wife of General Graf von Berg, whose son, Lieut. von Berg, died in Florence, and was truly mourned by Frederick William, afterwards Frederick III, "*The Noble*." Madame de Berg was one of the Ladies of the Court of Fred. Will. III.

<sup>2</sup> The Duchess of Cumberland, in 1823, was Frederica, daughter of Fred. V, Grand-Duke of Mecklenberg-Strelitz, and widow of Prince Frederick of Prussia, and afterwards, secondly, of Frederick Prince of Salms-Braunfels: she was wife at this time of Ernest, first Duke of Cumberland (fifth son of our George III), and mother of George, afterwards King of Hanover.

<sup>3</sup> The Crown Prince Frederick William, afterwards (1840-1861) King Frederick William IV.



very great interest with which he read the news<sup>1</sup> contained in his letter. He can well understand his desire to create anew a home life which had been so rudely destroyed and wishes him every happiness in the union he is about to contract.

Prince William wishes Block to convey to General Goltz<sup>2</sup> his sincere congratulations.

Block, we learn, was then in full manoeuvre activities.

(Signed) Your friend,

WILHELM.

Letter 4. LONG HOLOGRAPH LETTER from the EMPEROR WILLIAM I, when still Prince of Prussia (to his sister-in-law, Princess Karl of Prussia).<sup>3</sup> Dated *St. Petersburg*, <sup>4</sup><sub>18</sub> January, 1828.

A chatty family letter. He often hears her mentioned by the Empress Dowager<sup>4</sup> and was pleased to see her portrait. He gives a description of the New Year's Day masquerade, for which 31,000 tickets were issued, 16,000 guests only being actually present, a circumstance due no doubt to the sudden fall of the thermometer. The Masquerade was held in the Theatre of the Hermitage Palace, decorated to resemble an Indian Tent. Both Empresses caught cold on this occasion. The Empress Mother had a bad cough, and Charlotte<sup>5</sup> inflamed gums and lips and cold in the head. The day before writing he had been to a fine and distinguished

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<sup>1</sup> The news of his coming re-marriage.

<sup>2</sup> Father of the bride-elect, and also of the General von der Goltz, the well-known writer and authority on military subjects.

<sup>3</sup> Princess Karl of Prussia, Marie daughter of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, was twice his sister-in-law, through marriage with his brother Karl, and through being sister to his own wife Augusta.

<sup>4</sup> Widow of Czar Alexander I of Russia who died in 1825.

<sup>5</sup> Princess Charlotte of Prussia, sister of Prince William and daughter of King Frederick William III, Czarina of Russia, married in 1816 to Nicholas I, who succeeded his brother Alexander I in 1825. Charlotte was called Czarina Alexandra Feodorovna.

ball at Pototzka. The following day is the Neva fête, but in consequence of the great cold the display of troops on this occasion has been put off. She is to tell his brothers and sisters that in case they have not yet found a birthday gift for Luise<sup>1</sup> she would like two crown candelabra like those in the Red Room at *Glienicke*.<sup>2</sup> He will of course join in the present. Karl will be able to judge whether these candelabra would distress the family exchequer. Charlotte sends her best love.

Signed—Ever your faithful Brother-in-Law,

WILHELM.

**Letter 5.** HOLOGRAPH LETTER from the EMPEROR WILLIAM I, while Prince of Prussia, addressed to the Garden Director Herr Yenné, at Sans-Souci.<sup>3</sup>

Dated from *N.P.*<sup>4</sup> (*Neues Palais*) 4/7/33, 9.30 a.m.

Prince William requests Herr Yenné, the Director of the Royal Gardens at Sans-Souci, to present himself at 10.45 a.m. in order to consult about the Babel<sup>5</sup> as the Princess<sup>6</sup> wishes to know his future plans at once.

Signed—WILHELM, P. P.

<sup>1</sup> Luise Wilhelmine Amalie (1808–1870), the favourite daughter of Frederick William III, King of Prussia, sister of Prince William, married Prince William Frederick Charles of the Netherlands.

<sup>2</sup> The residence of Prince Karl of Prussia at Potsdam.

<sup>3</sup> Frederick the Great's Palace at Potsdam—the gardens of Sans-Souci run down close to the entrance to the New Palace at Potsdam.

<sup>4</sup> *N.P.*—*Neues Palais*. The New Palace at Potsdam built close to Sans-Souci.

<sup>5</sup> The Babel—short for *Babelsberg*—the Castle residence in Potsdam then being prepared for Prince William, the gardens of which were designed by Herr Yenné.

<sup>6</sup> Princess William of Prussia, Augusta of Saxe-Weimar, afterwards first Empress of Germany and Queen of Prussia.



Letter 6. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from WILLIAM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA, afterwards the Emperor William I, to ——. Dated *B. (Berlin)*, 19/12/1846.

Prince William was evidently writing to some Minister or Statesman. He is greatly interested to learn from the rough drafts that his (correspondent's) despatch has been lithographed. They do not sound so bad as Bunsen's<sup>1</sup> reports. He will be very anxious to hear news of the result.

Signed—PR. PRUSSIA.<sup>2</sup>

Letter 7. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from KING FREDERICK WILLIAM IV (eldest brother of William I) to von Bodelschwingh<sup>3</sup> (Finance Minister). Dated *B. (Berlin)*, 15 Feb. '48. *No Address.*

A friendly, intimate note from the King to the Finance Minister asking him to join him at table after the Sitting. "If you consider my table a comfortable one you will be very welcome—dear Bodelschwingh!" Radowitz<sup>4</sup> sups here, otherwise we are quite a small party. Therefore dress-coat! Vale.

Signed—F. W.

<sup>1</sup> Christian Charles Bunsen, Prussian Minister and Ambassador.

<sup>2</sup> The date in the letter is a little uncertain, whether 36 or 46, but the signature, "Prince of Prussia" alone, without a Christian name, points to '46 being correct, as before 1840 he was Wilhelm, Prince of Prussia, just as his brother was "Karl, Prince of Prussia."

<sup>3</sup> Minister of Finance of the rigid Conservative party, principal adviser to the King at this time which witnessed the beginning of the unpopularity of Fred. Will. IV and the outbreak of the Revolution.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph Maria von Radowitz. Another of the King's advisers and friends. At this period author of *Deutschland und der König Friedrich Wilhelm IV.*

Letter 8. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from PRINCE WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA, afterwards the Emperor William I, to his cousin.<sup>1</sup> Dated *Berlin*, 29 January 1856. *No Address*.

Prince William writes to give his cousin the King's<sup>2</sup> reply to the memorial he had sent in through the King's Adjutant. "Every possible consideration," says the King, "will be given to his Cousin's request for the promotion of his 19th Regiment; but that it is quite impossible that the individual promotions can *all* be carried out or indeed *at once* and that extraordinary consideration frequently works out the contrary to what is intended; and also that frequently a situation created by long-delayed promotion changes of itself quite suddenly for the better, so that a re-adjustment generally takes place in any case." Prince William tells his Cousin that he can confirm this decree from manifold experiences and that he will doubtless see himself that either one or the other of these alternatives will happen in the case of the 19th Regiment.

Signed—Your faithful Cousin and Friend,

WILHELM.

Letter 9. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from WILLIAM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA, afterwards Emperor William I, to a Minister of State. Dated from *Babelsberg*, 26/10/56.

Letter to a Minister of State from Prince William stating that he is quite agreed upon the representatives of the General Meeting<sup>3</sup> or Congress

<sup>1</sup> The identity of this Cousin may be presumed by consulting the Army Lists of that year, 1856, when the Prince in Command of the 19th Regiment was JOSEPH, DUKE OF SAXE-ALTENBURG, born 1826.

<sup>2</sup> King Frederick William IV, Prince William's elder brother.

<sup>3</sup> General Meeting. In the *Neue Preuss. Zeitung* of Nov. 1, 1856, appears the announcement that *H.R.H. the Prince of Prussia* opened the *General Meeting* (or Congress) of the *Gemeinnütziger Bau-Gesellschaft*, in the Museum, on Oct. 31, 1856. (Building Society for public works of general utility).

on the 31st, and that he will receive his correspondent on the next day 27th at 1 o'clock in Berlin, should he be able to spare time to come, in order that he may receive his report. Only in the case of his being prevented from coming will the Prince expect to be informed.

Signed—PRINZ. PREUSSEN.

P.S.—Yesterday at Olfers<sup>1</sup> request, I requested the Minister Dirckstet to advance the date of the confirmation by the King of the Alexandra Statute.

Letter 10. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from PRINCE WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA, afterwards the Emperor William I, while Regent, to a State official or Minister. Dated *Berlin*, 25/12/1859.

The Prince Regent,<sup>2</sup> William Prince of Prussia, states in this note that the Article<sup>3</sup> in the present revised form is to appear in the *Preussische Zeitung*<sup>4</sup> as official communiqué, while the whole Article is to be printed in the *Vossische*.<sup>5</sup> The Prince inquires whether his correspondent has anything to suggest beyond the Prince's own modifications. He considers

<sup>1</sup> General Director von Olfers, Head of the Royal Museums of Berlin.

<sup>2</sup> Prince William, Prince of Prussia, was appointed Regent in 1858 for his brother, King Fred. Will. IV, whose mind had become unbalanced.

<sup>3</sup> Important article on the retirement of General von Bonin, Minister of War, who had declared against all reform in the Army—a pet scheme of Prince William's.

<sup>4</sup> The *Preussische Zeitung* was the Ministerial paper (it is not in the British Museum).

<sup>5</sup> The *Vossische Zeitung*, started in 1816, was known in its early days as the *Konigl. Privilegirte Berlinische Zeitung* (the Royal Privileged Berlin Journal). The *Neue Preussische* or *Kreuz Zeitung* (a Government organ until Dec. 31 1859, when it was announced that it would henceforth be independent) of Dec. 29, 1859, refers to the articles in the *Preussische* and *Vossische*, and quotes the article in question.

that his addition concerning the Commission<sup>1</sup> was necessary otherwise the matter would not have borne the stamp of truth.

Signed—W. P.R.

*For immediate transmission.*

Letter 11. DOCUMENT with SIGN MANUAL of WILLIAM, Prince of Prussia and Regent. Dated *Berlin*, 5 May, 1859.

This document sets forth that William, Prince of Prussia and Regent, having accepted the resignation of Justice Friedrich Gustav Naumann of Berlin, awards him a pension. "A document to this effect has been drawn up by our own hand and sealed with the royal seal."

Signed—WILHELM P.R.

"Dimissoriale."

(drawn up by)

SIMONS.

Letter 12. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from KING WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor William I) to a Statesman or Minister. Dated from *B. (Berlin)*. 24/8/1861. *No Addressee.*

Signed—"W."

A Note from King William to one of his Ministers covering a Protocol<sup>2</sup> which he thinks will prove interesting to him and of which he requests the return.

Signed—Auf Wiedersehen (*Au revoir*),

Yours, W.

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<sup>1</sup> This Commission was a Military Commission appointed for the carrying out of a Reform plan for the Army, originally sketched by General von Roon in the Ministry of War and worked out by Gen.-Major von Voigts-Rhetz.

<sup>2</sup> Possibly concerning the burning question of the day—the settlement of the Constitution of the Electorate of Hesse—(now Hesse-Cassel).

Document 13. A Highly interesting DOCUMENT SIGNED BY KING WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor William I), and dated from *Headquarters at Versailles on Jan. 19 1871.*

This document is a Commission for raising First Lieutenant Carl Hoecken, of the 8th Brigade of Artillery, to the Rank of Captain of the same Brigade in recognition of his services and remarkable knowledge of the arts and science of War.

Signed—WILHELM.

\* \* \* EXCESSIVELY INTERESTING, AS ON THE PREVIOUS DAY WILHELM HAD BEEN PROCLAIMED GERMAN EMPEROR.

Letter 14. LONG HOLOGRAPH LETTER from the EMPEROR WILLIAM I to Miss Emma Seymour, in French. Dated *Berlin, 13 June, 1872.*

*Addressed envelope:* To Miss Emma Seymour.

Written in fairly good French and couched in terms of playful gallantry. After thanking Miss Seymour for her letter of congratulations on his birthday (March 22nd 1872) the Emperor acknowledged his remissness in not answering before, and apologizes for it playfully. He then refers to the political situation. "Never before, perhaps, has the finger of God been more clearly manifest than in the amazing successes of our arms during this War, which fell from the heavens like a bolt from the blue in the fullness of the moon. The consequences of our victories have surpassed all expectations! We dare to be proud of the fact that God should have deemed us worthy of accomplishing His Will here below and that He should have granted us the faculty, and the force and energy necessary for prosecuting to the end, a task attended with as much bloodshed as glory. How much I should have enjoyed talking over with you at length and in detail these stirring times." The Emperor regrets that they should have missed one another at Baden by a few days only. As he does not know where Miss Seymour has decided to settle, he is sending the letter under cover to M. de Bolan in Brussels in the hope that he may know where to forward it. The Emperor concludes with expres-

sions of regret for the festive days at Ostend and Baden which will never return.

Signed—

Your very devoted and faithful friend,

WILLIAM.

\*.\* This letter shows that Bismarck, who hated the Empress Augusta, had no justification for his repeated assertions that the Emperor would like to remain quietly at Potsdam, but the Empress insisted on going to Ems, Baden, etc.

Letter 15. LETTER PATENT appointing Karl Lotz of Dierdorf, Gerichts-Assessor (Assistant Judge) to be Amtsrichter (District Judge). *Berlin, April 5, 1880.*

Signed—WILHELM.

Letter 16. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from AUGUSTA PRINCESS OF PRUSSIA, afterwards Empress of Germany, Signed Pss. V. Prss. Dated from *Babelsberg*,<sup>1</sup> 13 Oct., 1856. *No address.*<sup>2</sup>

Augusta, writing to some Official or Minister of the department of Fine Arts, requests his kind offices in favour of a young French artist, M. Martinet,<sup>3</sup> who has come to her with letters of recommendation from the Duchess of Orleans. He bore himself admirably during the eventful month of February 1848, and deserves the respect and esteem of all

<sup>1</sup> Babelsberg, in Potsdam, was the residence of Prince and Princess Wilhelm, while Prince and Princess of Prussia.

<sup>2</sup> There is every reason to think this letter was written by Augusta to General Direktor von Olfers, Director of the Royal Museums at this time.

<sup>3</sup> This young artist of the name of Martinet was either Charles Alphonse Martinet, born 1821 in Paris, a brother of Louis Achille Martinet, an engraver of some note, or E. Martinet, a painter of little note, a pupil of Fontaine. The latter is the more probable as the former would have been well known through his brother, already famous at this time and the elder by fifteen years.



who remember the storm and stress of that time. Augusta asks her correspondent whether he could not intercede with regard to the Exhibition<sup>1</sup> so that the present director of the Academy should make an exception in his favour and accept his pictures, or if this be not possible will he at least introduce Herr Martinet to some of Berlin's art-patrons as his first start here will be of the utmost importance to him.

Signed—Pss. v. PRSS. (Princess V. Preussen).

Letter 17. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from AUGUSTA, PRINCESS WILLIAM OF PRUSSIA, afterwards Empress of Germany, to Mademoiselle Louise Seidler.<sup>2</sup>

Addressed from *Berlin*, 26 November, 1832, to Mademoiselle Louise Seidler, *Rome* or *Naples*, with Seal.

A long friendly letter from the first Empress of Germany, then Princess of Prussia, to Fraulein Louise Seidler, in reply to one written to her from Italy. Augusta writes in a vein of sentimental enthusiasm and with longing to be back in Italy herself. She has invited Fraulein Seidler's friend Pauline<sup>3</sup> to come on the morrow with Facius<sup>4</sup> for a chat.

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<sup>1</sup> There was an Exhibition of fine Arts open during the whole of October and until the middle of November of this year at the Kgl. (Royal) Akademie der Künste in Berlin.

<sup>2</sup> Louise Seidler, a famous portrait painter of Weimar, who was on intimate terms with the Queen at her house in Weimar, before her marriage and remained a friend until her death. She painted the celebrated portrait of Augusta as a young girl and of her sister Marie, Princess Karl of Prussia.

<sup>3</sup> Pauline Neale (Gräfin) a Dutch Countess who thereafter always accompanied the Queen to Baden.

<sup>4</sup> Angelica Facius, a noted sculptor and great friend of Louise Seidler, also resident in Weimar who, at Louise Seidler's request made to the Grand Duke Karl Alexander when he visited her on her deathbed, in 1866, sculptured a marble monument for her grave. (The Gd. Duke was Queen Augusta's brother.)

Augusta speaks of her little one<sup>1</sup> who thrives to their heart's content  
 "May God bless the dear child."

Signed—AUGUSTA.

Letter 18. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from AUGUSTA<sup>2</sup> PRINCESS  
 WILHELM OF PRUSSIA to——?

Dated 3 Dec. 1833, Coblenz. No address.

In this letter, Augusta asks for the good offices of her correspondent in the matter of a favour with which she does not dare to importune H.M. the King.<sup>3</sup> It is a question of the property of a Colonel of the 9th Hanoverian regiment who has died without heirs; the estate amounts to 2,000 thalers which must fall to the Treasury if the King be not graciously pleased to bestow it upon the Benevolent Institute of this town for both Protestants and Catholics. Augusta has no doubt that this will be duly effected through his tactful mediation.

Signed—PRINZESSIN VON PREUSSEN.

Letter 19. LETTER, WITH AUTOGRAPH SIGNATURE, from  
 AUGUSTA, QUEEN OF PRUSSIA, and afterwards Empress of  
 Germany, to Privy Councillor Dr. Roller of Illmau.

Dated Berlin, 4 Feb. 1864.

The Queen writes to express her thanks for the final reports on the condition of Freiherr von Canitz who owes his recovery to the Doctor's care. She takes the opportunity of expressing her personal recognition of his rare merits in the exercise of his earnest and troublesome profession.

Signed—AUGUSTA.

Address (as above): An den Geheimen Rath Dr. Roller. Zu Illmau.

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<sup>1</sup> This child was Frederick William, afterwards Emperor Frederick III  
 "the Noble," born Oct. 18, 1831.

<sup>2</sup> Augusta, afterwards Queen of Prussia and Empress of Germany.

<sup>3</sup> Frederick William III, her father-in-law.

Letter 20. Interesting HOLOGRAPH LETTER from AUGUSTA, QUEEN OF PRUSSIA, to Graf——<sup>1</sup>. *No address.* Dated *Friday Evening*.<sup>2</sup>

Augusta writes to inform the dear Graf that she has a great wish to start for Weimar on the following evening, Saturday, in order to congratulate her Sister-in-law<sup>3</sup> on the Sunday. She will be accompanied by her Lord-High Steward, Graf Nesselrode,<sup>4</sup> an amiable and distinguished man whom she wishes to introduce to her home circle, and by a Lady-in-Waiting (probably Grafin Oriolla<sup>5</sup>) instead of the usual *Duenna*. She will not be able to telegraph to her brother until next day whether she can come or not.

Signed A.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The letter is addressed to some *Graf* unnamed, probably Graf Schleinitz who was one of Queen Augusta's warm friends and supporters and was later High Steward, at Babelsberg, to the Crown Prince (afterwards Emp. Frederick III).

<sup>2</sup> It is possible to fix with tolerable certainty the date of this letter as June 16 1866, on which occasion the Queen passed through Weimar, staying there one day only; she found time to visit her old and dear friend Louise Seidler, an artist who had painted her portrait and her sister's when they were children at home, as well as those of other members of the family. Louise Seidler was now an old lady and died shortly after this visit (*see* Letter 17).

<sup>3</sup> The Grand Duchess Karl Alexander of Saxe-Weimar, wife of Augusta's brother, who was then reigning Grand Duke since the death of her Father in 1853.

<sup>4</sup> Graf Nesselrode, son of the famous Russian Ambassador (died 1862), who, with the General von der Goltz and Graf Schleinitz, was a warm supporter of the Queen against Bismarck.

<sup>5</sup> Countess Sobo de Silveira, Grafin Oriolla, a Portuguese lady, raised to the German peerage with her husband, the Portuguese Ambassador in June 1822.

<sup>6</sup> "A." This signature fixes the date of the letter as after 1861 when on the death of King Frederick William, Augusta became Queen of Prussia.

Letter 21. HOLOGRAPH NOTE in PENCIL from AUGUSTA, PRINCESS OF PRUSSIA, afterwards Empress of Germany, to a Graf——

*No date, or address.*

Signed "A."

A little note from Augusta to one of the Counts connected with the Household, thanking him for his communication ; she will, of course, gladly forego her idea about the carpet, since her brothers and sisters do not care about it. She requests him to be kind enough to send the jacket (or coat) back.

Concluding with best love to all.

Signed—"Yours  
A."

Letter 22. A PENCIL SKETCH with NOTES in the hand of AUGUSTA PRINCESS WILHELM OF PRUSSIA. Dated 1849.

This sketch is a design for an overmantel which like the one at Harmisch, is to contain four coats-of-arms, in the style of the accompanying sketch, before the order is executed there is to be a further discussion concerning the background of the coats-of-arms. The whole is to be kept in as low relief as possible from the wall.

Letter 23. LETTER, WITH AUTOGRAPH SIGNATURE from FREDERICK WILLIAM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble") to Professor Dr. A. Müller.

Dated from *Dusseldorf*, 23 April, 1851.

The Prince thanks Prof. Dr. A Müller for his work "*Preussens Ehrenspiegel*"—(Prussia's Roll of Fame)—dedicated to him, and expresses his appreciation of Müller's motive in publishing the book as well as of the excellence of the work.

Signed—Your well-disposed

FREDERICK WILLIAM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA.

*Addressed to:* Herrn Professor Dr. A. Müller in Berlin.

Letter 24. LONG HOLOGRAPH LETTER from Prince Frederick William (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble" who was undoubtedly the writer although there is no signature), to Hofrath Schneidu.

Dated *Stettin*, 16 June (*no year*). Address: Hofrath Schneidu.

This is a very important account of a Review of Troops, in the hand of Prince Frederick Wilhelm, and sealed with his seal, but unsigned and without date of year. The Prince states that he reviewed the Guards of the Landwehr just as he reviewed the Line regiments the previous March. He describes the Parades, the Rifle practice, the inspection of the quarters which he stigmatises as horrible. States he has been satisfied beyond expectation.

*In Pencil under the Address*: Please forward the General's map of the Province of Prussia as quickly as possible to Graudenz.

Letter 25. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from FRIEDRICH WILHELM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble") to a Councillor of the Consistorial Court.

Dated from *Potsdam*, 22 Oct., 1852.

The Prince, then aged twenty, writes to a Councillor of the Consistorial Court enclosing a petition from Cantor La Pierre, the Prince cannot forbear observing that he takes the greatest interest in the fate of his old Writing Master, and would be truly glad if it were possible through the Councillor's intervention or mediation to grant his request.

Signed:—FRIEDRICH WILHELM, P.P.

Letter 26. LONG HOLOGRAPH LETTER from FRIEDRICH WILHELM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble") to General Graf——

Dated from *Berlin*, 26 July, 1854.

Thanking him with all his heart for his kindness to his late friend,

Lieutenant von Berg, both while he lay ill in Florence and later in arranging for the last honours to be paid to him. It is a great comfort, he says, to find in a foreign army the same esteem for the military profession as in one's own, and when this is shown at the death of one of the dearest and most faithful friends, one appreciates every expression of sympathy all the more. He therefore feels impelled to send the Count some words of thanks. The Prince begs the General to convey his best thanks also to the General in command of the Army of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, to the officers of the Imperial (Austrian) garrison, and more especially to the Commandant of the fortresses, Captain Mayer.

Signed—FRIEDRICH WILHELM, PRINZ VON PREUSSEN.

Letter 27. LONG HOLOGRAPH LETTER from FREDERICK WILLIAM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA, betrothed to Princess Victoria (Princess Royal of England), to "*Hackchen*." <sup>1</sup>

Dated from *Potsdam*, 21/10/56.

A long friendly letter of an intimate character addressed to Gräfin Hacken, a lady in waiting at the German Court, whom he calls by the pet name "*Hackchen*," and who is evidently a confidante of his in his love affairs. He thanks her for her very kind letter, and congratulations on his birthday.<sup>2</sup> He feels sure of her faithful devotion after the long years during which they have known each other and all that they have gone through together. It was only decided on the 15th it would be politic and desirable that he should visit Pomerania, a decision which seems to have given great gratification. "Mama," he writes, "had left me free to decide and did not expect me, but yet I wrote to tell her how I had intended to surprise her at Christmas. . . . On Friday I go for a few

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<sup>1</sup> Gräfin Hacken (*see* beginning of the letter and also letter No. 37 from the Princess Royal).

<sup>2</sup> October 18 1831 was the birthday of the Prince who was then 25 years of age.



days to Breslau<sup>1</sup> and then, after a short visit to Coblenz, providing Mama has already reached Coblenz; on November 6th, I AM OFF TO ENGLAND TO SEE MY VICKY.<sup>2</sup> On the return journey I shall visit Wuri in Karlsruhe!!<sup>3</sup> about which Papa has told me so much.

"But now farewell, dear, good Hackchen, once more my best thanks for your letter,

"As ever Yours faithfully,

"FRIEDRICH WILHELM, P.P."

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<sup>1</sup> In the *Neue Preussische (Kreuz) Zeitung*, Oct. 30, 1856 (official Court Paper) is a notice that H.R.H. Prince Frederick William will start on that day for Breslau to take over the command of the 11th Infantry Regiment, and will be accompanied by General-Major von Moltke and Major von Heinz. The Prince is to return on the 4th or 5th of Nov. in order to pay the intended visit to London. Further notices show that he returned to Berlin on the 4th, left again for Magdeburg on the 5th to visit his father, the Prince of Prussia, and started on the 6th *via* Magdeburg and Coblenz for London to take part in the birthday festivities of the Prince of Wales, then 15 years old. Prince Frederick William arrived in London early on November 9th and went down to Windsor, staying over the birthday festivities of Victoria, Princess Royal (afterwards the Empress Frederick) on November 21.

<sup>2</sup> The same journal states that on the very day of his sister's public betrothal (*see* Note 5), 29 Sept. 1855, Prince Frederick William was in the Scottish Highlands and offered his heart to Princess Victoria with a piece of white heather. The public betrothal did not take place until May 19, 1857, but it was evidently an open secret already.

<sup>3</sup> The same Prussian Journal announces that the Prince and Princess of Prussia, and Prince Frederick William would all go to Carlsruhe on Dec. 3 for the birthday festivities of Luise, Princess of Prussia, sister of Frederick William, and recently married to the Grand Duke of Baden. (*See* notes to letter 37.)

Letter 28. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from FRIEDRICH WILHELM, PRINCE OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble") to Privy Councillor Illaire.

Dated 25/3/57.

Address: Kgl. G. Kab. Rath. Illaire Poststrasse.

(Royal Privy Cabinet Councillor Illaire).

A cordially expressed holograph letter from Frederick William, Prince of Prussia, to Illaire, asking him, if pressure of time should allow, to be good enough to grant the request of the bearer of this note, his former Singing Master, Musical Director Reichardt, who wishes to consult him concerning a question of inheritance of property. The case is a somewhat complicated one and may probably call for a special decree.

Signed—as ever

Yours faithfully,

FRIEDRICH WILHELM, P.P.

Letter 29. OFFICIAL LETTER from FRIEDRICH WILHELM, CROWN PRINCE OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble") to Graf von Wartensleben.

Dated March 3, 1865, *Stettin*.

Addressed "An den Kgl. Stadtgerichtsrath, Doctor bei der Rechte, Grafen von Wartensleben in Berlin."

A letter from the Crown Prince thanking Graf von Wartensleben for sending him the Proceedings of the Fifth Congress of German Lawyers. He has found in the thorough and objective manner in which the important questions were debated a fresh justification for the interest he has continually bestowed upon the Meetings from the beginning.

Signed—FRIEDRICH WILHELM, K.P.

Letter 30. HOLOGRAPH LETTER from FREDERICK WILLIAM, CROWN PRINCE (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble"), to General von Manteuffel,<sup>1</sup>

Dated *Berlin*, 29 January 1867. Address : Schleswig.

The Crown Prince, replying to Manteuffel's letter of the 26th inst. informing him that the King has been pleased, at his request, to remove him from the command of the 9th Army Corps, and has granted him leave to choose his residence for the space of one year, writes sympathetically to the Commander on his retirement, pointing out that after his long term of loyal service to King and Army, in the most critical situations, the very decision of the King is but another recognition of indebtedness.

Signed—FREDERICK WILLIAM, K.P.

Letter 31. From FREDERICK WILLIAM, CROWN PRINCE OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble").

Windsor Castle  
10 Oct. 1861.

"As I have just heard that the Princess of the Netherlands lunches here to-day, I must pay her a visit in London beforehand, to-morrow. Please make all arrangements for driving over at 10 o'clock so that I may return in time for lunch.

"Morning dress.

F. W. K.P."

To Lieutenant v. Schleinitz.

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<sup>1</sup> Commandeur-General der Cavallerie, Freiherr von Manteuffel, was, at his own request, relieved of his command of the 9th Army Corps in January 1867 (*see Army Lists for that year*). Manteuffel also held the appointment of General Adjutant to H.M. the King William of Prussia.

Letter 32. ORDER OF THE CROWN, 2nd class, granted by WILLIAM, KING OF PRUSSIA (and German Emperor) to Professor Edouard Titis, Curator of the Royal Library, and of the Royal Museums, Brussels.

The document follows the usual form granting the Order without any reason for the distinction. It is signed by Frederick William, Crown Prince, afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble," on behalf of the King, and sealed with the Royal Seal.

Dated *Berlin*, May 8, 1878.

Letter 33. HOLOGRAPH (on Official form) TELEGRAM sent by FRIEDRICH WILHELM, Kronprinz (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble"), to Prince Ludwig of Hesse and the Rhine, with autograph signature.

Dated *May 30th*, 1873, 9.50 p.m. *Reuchlingen*.

Addressed to Prinz Ludwig zu Hessen und bei Rhein Darmstadt.

"My thoughts are continually with you all with the grief which personal experience of such a sorrow inspires in a brotherly truly devoted heart."

Signed—"FRIEDRICH WILHELM, Kronprinz."

Letter 34. LETTER from FRIEDRICH WILHELM, CROWN PRINCE OF PRUSSIA (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble"), to an unnamed *Gräfin*.<sup>1</sup>

Dated from *Berlin*, 31 Dec. 1884.

The Crown Prince is sending her enclosed the portraits in question which he has begged for her from his Mother-in-law<sup>2</sup> and which the Queen placed at his disposal with the greatest pleasure; she remembered the *Gräfin* immediately as his Aunt Feodora often speaks of her, she therefore added of her own accord her own portrait and that of her mother

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<sup>1</sup> Probably *Gräfin Stolberg-Wernigerode*.

<sup>2</sup> Queen Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland.

the late Duchess of Kent. The Crown Prince is delighted to be able to approach her once more in such a manner, as he is still full of the remembrance of her kindness to him during his stay in Wernigerode. He takes the opportunity thus at the close of 1884 to send to her and her whole family and grandchildren his sincere good wishes for a very prosperous and happy New Year, in which his wife joins him.

Signed—FRIEDRICH WILHELM, K.P.

Letter 35. A PATHETIC MESSAGE in the hand of the Emperor FREDERICK "the Noble." Written during the last stage of his illness—probably in May 1888.

"Der Kaiserin Sagen ich sei fertig."

"Tell the Empress I am ready."

Letter 36. HOLOGRAPH NOTE by Emperor FREDERICK "the Noble" and written during his illness at Charlottenburg, shortly after his accession to the Throne and therefore probably in March 1888.

*Translation.*

"I could not find the Article on the Amnesty<sup>1</sup> which I had begun, and in which Schreeder's was folded. To-day Welmowski<sup>2</sup> suddenly began to hold forth upon it. He had, the other day, when packing up his papers caught it up with his own in his blindness, and carried it off. He thus knows of it, without, however, suspecting who the author is."

<sup>1</sup> This is the usual Amnesty granted by the Sovereign at his Accession. The Emperor Frederick had wished to include the Social Democrats in his Amnesty, but against his will this class of political offender was omitted.

<sup>2</sup> Von Welmowski, Chief of the Civil Cabinet and Privy Councillor, who, having come upon an article advocating the extension of the Amnesty to the Social Democrats, would naturally be roused to express his own views strongly on the subject, more especially being ignorant of the identity of the author of the article.

Letter 37. LONG HOLOGRAPH LETTER from VICTORIA, PRINCESS ROYAL OF ENGLAND, later Empress Frederick of Germany, to Gräfin Hacken, Lady-in-Waiting at the German Court.

Dated *Osborne*, 26 August 1856.

In German.

A friendly girlish letter from Victoria, Princess Royal, then about sixteen, to Gräfin Hacken, a dear friend of Prince Frederick William of Prussia (afterwards the Emperor Frederick "the Noble"), and Lady-in-Waiting at the German Court. Victoria writes to thank the Countess for some gloves she had procured for her, "*which are a thousand times better than the English ones.*" She begs the Countess to let her have a hurried line on the wedding-day of Luise.<sup>1</sup> She is forwarding the things she had ordered for the trousseau<sup>2</sup> and hopes the Countess will like them; will she kindly tell Luise that she will send her the needles she ordered as soon as they get to Scotland.

Signed—VICTORIA, P.R.

<sup>1</sup> Luise, daughter of Emperor William I of Germany, then Prince of Prussia, sister of Prince Frederick William, to whom Princess Victoria was about to be betrothed (*see* Letter 27 with notes). Princess Luise, betrothed on Sep. 29, 1855 to Grand Duke Frederick of Baden, was to be married on September 20; the ceremony is described at great length in the German papers of the time; it took place in Berlin in the Royal Palace. The newly-married couple made their public entry into Carlsruhe on October 1.

<sup>2</sup> Gräfin Hacken was entrusted with the preparation of the trousseau, and bore the train of the bride at her marriage. It was natural that the young Princess Royal, then 16 years old, should be keenly interested in this wedding, seeing that her own thoughts were turning to a union with the brother of the bride.



Letter 38. LETTER IN THE AUTOGRAPH of ALBERT the PRINCE CONSORT, written at the time of the Birth of the Princess Royal (afterwards the Empress Frederick) to Mr. Wood.

Signed—A.P.C. Undated (21 Nov. (or 22nd) 1840).

“Let the prayers begin at  $\frac{1}{4}$  after nine as I was obliged to write letters and cannot be ready in time. I introduced a thans (*sic*) giving (thanksgiving) for the happy event of the Birth of a Princess Royal and the Safety of the Queen.”

Manuscript 39. WILLIAM II. HOLOGRAPH PROGRAMME of a Three Act Play performed in Berlin on Sunday 25th Feb. 1872, entitled :

“Das Gasthaus im Spessart.”

“The Inn in Spessart.”

Among the Actors are Prince Wilhelm (present Emperor).

Prince Heinrich (his brother, Prince Henry  
of Prussia).

Prince Radziwill.

Prince Ernst Ratibor & others.

The Programme is in the youthful hand of Prince William, then 13 years of age.

Manuscript 40. WILLIAM II. HOLOGRAPH PROGRAMME in the hand of WILHELM, Prinz von Preussen, afterwards William II, Emperor of Germany.

No date, but probably in the late seventies.

Signed—WILHELM, Prinz von Preussen.

Letter 41. LETTER from KAISER WILLIAM II (autograph signature and greetings) to the Grand Duchess of Hesse announcing the death of his father, the Emperor Frederick “the Noble.”

Dated from Potsdam, June 21, 1888, with perfect unbroken seal, announcing to the Grand Duchess Friedrich of Hesse the passing of his

beloved Father on Friday, 15th June, shortly after 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Now that, owing to this sad event, he has ascended the Throne of his forefathers, he begs her Royal Highness to transfer to him the sentiments she bore to his father, assuring her of his readiness, whenever occasion should arise, to give proofs of his Esteem and Friendship for her.

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Other of Gladstone's correspondents were Tupper, an interesting letter on Ancient Religions; C. Neate, thanking him for a pamphlet, and relative to debates in the House of Commons upon the Terminable Annuities Bill and the Endowed Schools Bill; to E. Herford concerning the Incorporated Church Building Society; to Mr. Clay, mentioning Lord de Grey; to Edward Cardwell—"neither do I hold in the abstract the rather sweeping opinions on 'Free and Open Churches' which I understand to be held by many benevolent Churchmen." Gladstone writes that he disagrees with the system of the appropriation of seats by Churchwardens to nominal attendants. Other letters are addressed to Sir J. W. Kaye; to C. Neate respecting his pamphlet upon the Oxford University Bill which contains accusatory passages that are untrue. A most important letter is addressed to E. Griffiths containing Gladstone's opinion of singing in Churches; another to the same, about Sir Walter Scott—"I think that a careful and exhaustive collection of Sir Walter Scott's best sayings would be of much true value, and I likewise suppose it would be popular."

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"Well beloved sonne I have re<sup>d</sup> [received] yors of the fyrst of this present wherby I pseve [perceive] that itt haith the pleased god to seand [send] my Daughtyr a boye [of the wyche I ame right glade praying to god to seand him long lyffe being right sorry that I cannott come over my sellfe to crystenyng as my dessyr ys. And for as moche as my lorde yor ffather [Sir Nicholas Bacon] ys very dessirus [desirous] to have yt don [in] his name withe the wyche I am very well content there wythe. Praying you yff Willm. gillet be not come ffrom the aus (?) afore this my leattr [letter] come to yr. handes that you woll seand for him to Crystenn Itt yff he be come then to apoynte yo<sup>r</sup> brother Mr. Woodhous or some other of yo<sup>r</sup> ffryndes that wyll tacke so moche paynes for me—having seant [sent] my Dawghter for to geve her soney [sonny] a Cupe for to Carus [caress?] him." Etc.

2. LETTER SIGNED, WITH HOLOGRAPH CONCLUSION OF 9 LINES. 3 *pages*, folio, 24th June, 1579, to his son-in-law, Sir Nathaniel Bacon.

An interesting letter respecting two of his servants who owe him money and relative to his estates in Norfolk and Suffolk, his trade with Holland.

Sending Philip Cely and advising Nathaniel to sell much of his land. Also relative to his selling wool and referring to "fishinge of freashe watter fishe," etc.

3. HOLOGRAPH LETTER, SIGNED. 2 *pages*, folio. *Gresham House*, 9th July 1597, to the same.

Relative to the sale of lands to his tenants.

4. LETTER SIGNED, WITH HOLOGRAPH SUPERScription. 3 *pages*, folio. 6th Sept. 1579, to the same.

Thanking him for the pains he has taken in his business and giving instructions in connection with his estates.

5. LETTER SIGNED, WITH HOLOGRAPH SUPERScription. 1 *page*, folio. *Osterley*, 7th October, 1579, to the same.

Referring to the Bishop of Norwich and the lease of some lands at Holkham.

Gresham died a little over a month after writing this letter—21st November 1579.

6. DEED ON VELLUM, SIGNED, conjointly by him and by Robert Boston.

Assigning a messuage at Bisbrooke, co. Rutland, to Clement Brettyn of Uppingham in the same county, 16th June 1574.

7. GRESHAM (THOMAS). *The Younger*. HOLOGRAPH LETTER, SIGNED. 1 *page*, folio. 14 June, 1597, to the same.

A curious letter asking him for £100 that Bacon owes him for books (Gresham's writings).

Mentions Sir Henry Woodhous and Thomas Grymes, etc.

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## III

**GUIZOT.** "*The Cautious.*" *Premier, Historian, and Membre de l'Académie Française.* HIS IMPORTANT HOLOGRAPH CORRESPONDENCE with the Right Honble. J. W. Croker, Secretary to the Admiralty, consisting of no less than 90 Holograph Letters and Manuscripts, and covering 236 pages, 8vo.

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THE WHOLE OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE (with the exception of 3 letters only) IS UNPUBLISHED.

François Pierre Guillaume Guizot, the son of a distinguished barrister at Nîmes, was born in 1787 when the French Revolution was about to begin.

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The elder Guizot, however, was not prepared to accept calmly the horrible excesses of the Revolutionary party, and lost his life combating them. He was guillotined in 1794.

The future Statesman's education commenced at Geneva, whither his mother had retired after the murder of her husband. There he completed



the entire circle of academic studies, and then returned to Paris, where, under Stapfer, he began the study of German literature, the system of Kant and the questions of religious philosophy.

In the *salon* of Suard, where Guizot held a first place among the learned, he heard for the first time of Mademoiselle Pauline de Meulan, whom he married some years later.

Called to the Chair of Modern History in the Sorbonne, the future Premier filled this post with great distinction for many years.

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The present Correspondence is of the most confidential nature and of the utmost political importance. The literary interest, too, is very great, as Guizot mentions many of his books.

A brief résumé of the first dozen letters or so is given below.

The first letter is dated 10th Dec. 1837, soon after Guizot's election to the Académie Française. He was, even at that early date, one of the two principal men in Parliament, the other being Thiers. A lapse of ten years follows, and then in reply to a letter from Croker (included) Guizot wrote his second letter. This is dated 7th March 1848 and was written soon after his defeat as Prime Minister, Louis Philippe having thrown him over. Guizot then came to England and remained there for about a year. His third letter (10th April 1848) refers to the King of France. Guizot informs Croker that: "Le Roi est sorti des Tuileries par le jardin, au milieu de l'artillerie qui y était encore, et point par le souterrain."

In reply to another letter from Croker (also included) Guizot wrote on the 16th May 1848 stating that he would be pleased to contribute to *The Quarterly Review* on moral and political subjects connected with France.

From *Brompton*, 8 June 1848, Guizot wrote in reference to Monsieur Flocan, the journalist, whose pretty wife "passe pour être très bien avec M. de Lamartine" (the famous Poet and Statesman). He also refers to his literary works, and asks who is going to translate one of his books into English.

The subject of the next letter is Louis Bonaparte (Napoleon III). "He is," wrote Guizot, "neither cleverer nor happier in his third invasion en France que dans les deux premières. Il a dû partir hier de Londres, m'a-t-on dit hier soir chez Lady Jersey. Il sera arrivé à Paris pour être chassé ou mis en prison."

A Holograph Manuscript follows, in which Guizot refers to Thiers, and quotes a long account (from *Le Semeur*, 7 Juin 1848) on the political situation in France.

The next letter (a long and closely written one) contains very confidential information relative to certain famous men of France, and upon the fortune of the ex-King (Louis Philippe) who will receive only a pension.

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On going rapidly through the letters one notes that Lord Hertford mentions his visits to the Royal Family. In a letter from the Hague, written in December 1813, his Lordship gives an account of the movements of the French Troops in Holland, and thinks that if they venture a *coup-de-main* they may carry off the Prince of Orange. He states that he has no distaste to newspaper publication. Mentions his father's visit to Ireland to spur up his tenants. "What can tempt a man of his age to go bothering his potato growers and linen bleachers?" "Is the Prince Regent going to sail and to mistake the Elbe for the Thames?"

Lord Hertford, in a letter written in 1818, refers to Scott's "Rob Roy," which was published this same year. He mentions Peel and Lord Melville,

and states that his father invites Croker to dinner to meet the Duke of York. Refers to his debts.

Continuing, Lord Hertford sends a new Ballet and a letter about all the singers and Rossini's engagement; mentions Arbuthnot and Bloomfield whom Lord Hertford says "have been the luckiest people of late years since Bonaparte lost his winnings back."

Lord Hertford writes that he is "always delighted" to see Peel and for the chance of his coming will put off "an engagement." He has been, for many years, obliged to Hetherington for "his great care of my neck and indeed equal care of my purse." His Lordship refers to a caricature of himself published by Fores and that he will not further prosecute for libel.

Mentions Theodore Hook (Thackeray's "Mr. Wagg"), invites him to come whenever and as often as he likes. Lord Hertford writes of the rising of the mob both in England and France and makes frequent references to English and foreign politics. He states, in one letter, that he is afraid the King and the Duke (of Cumberland) understood each other as George III and Eldon did in Lord Grey and Greville's time, and "the poor House of Lords" has "gone down another step towards its extinction." Acknowledges Croker's good advice to vote with Canning. Refers to the election of a new Pope, to Castiglione, etc., etc., etc.

Lord Hertford also frequently mentions George IV, the Duke of York, the Duke of Wellington, Lord Liverpool, the Duke of Clarence (afterwards William IV), Peel, Lord Melbourne, Lord Brougham, Greville, Huskisson, Lord Lowther, Sir Humphry Davy, Chateaubriand, Metternich, Sir G. Cockburn, etc., etc.

\*.\* The Marquis of Hertford was not only the original of Thackeray's "Marquis of Steyne" in "Vanity Fair," but also Disraeli's "Lord Monmouth" in "Coningsby."

Croker's intimacy with "Thackeray's Marquis" was the subject of much caustic criticism, but there is no doubt that the friendship was an entirely disinterested one, and that Croker exercised an influence for good over the eccentric nobleman.

*The great interest of these letters is that not only was Lord Hertford Thackeray's "Lord Steyne" but also that Croker was that Author's "Mr. Wenham."*

The only son (by his second marriage) of Francis Seymour second Marquis, Lord Hertford was born in March 1777, and graduated B.A. at Oxford. He represented the family boroughs of Oxford, Lisburne and Camelford in Parliament, and had great influence with the Regent (George IV). He was created a K.G. in 1822 and soon afterwards succeeded to the peerage. In 1827 he was Envoy-Extraordinary to Nicholas I of Russia from whom he had received the Order of St. Anne. Sir Thomas Lawrence painted Lord Hertford's portrait.

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Letter 20. Dated *The Hague, Dec. 1813.*

" . . . There are no troops now here except a few marines from Ferrier's Squadron and some renegade French troops who nobody confides in. I am convinced that if the F(rench) troops in Gorcum venture a *C(oup) de main* they may carry off the P(rince) of O(range) altho' we have 156 redoubtable Cossacs. No rejoicings here, all quiet and apparently Nap.(oleon) and Orange of equal care to them . . . I open my letter to add . . . that 1600 regular Prussians are approaching Gorcum so this place will remain probably unmolested," etc.

Letter 300. Dated *23rd Sept. 1825.*

"If the Duke of Wellington would come I should be delighted any day and if he will ask the Arbuthnots to meet him he may choose his time for the next three weeks. Lady Warwick, who knows most things, says poor Arbuthnot is quite mad," etc.

Letter 303. Dated *Sudbourne, 16th October 1825.*

"I believe more in the warmth of the Duke of Wellington's heart than in that of any of his colleagues (excepting always Canning between whom and me some odd sort of impossible river always appears to run) and as I feel already under obligations to him for his zeal about my Garter . . . I have no scruple in coming under further obligations. In truth he has been all kindness to me since I have known him well," etc.



Letter 443. Dated *Sudbourn* (20 Jan. 1828).

"With Peel and the Duke satisfied and Ireland liberated from Spring Rice and Lansdowne I suppose one ought to be in a state of unmitigated joy—but the cast of the drama seems to me so strange I shall expect to see the curtain drop suddenly some day—I cannot believe Herries will be tempted by the Sovereign or the Sovereigns to go to the Mint and after all that has been said meet Parliament other than as Chancellor of the Exchequer or as an ill-used man full of grievances. If the Royal throat be yet sensitive what a bitter draught Ellenborough must have been after his speech on the King's private property bill!!—why is not Eldon President of the Council and where's party honor if Westmoreland is left out??" etc., etc.

Letter 644. Dated *Lyons*, 3 Dec. 1831.

"... It is but a bad thing to see these risings of the Mob always successful both at Bristol and in France, one can only pray that it may open the King's eyes before it be too late for William the 4th has not the Army this King can assemble," etc., etc.

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The first letters were written in 1820 and the last (addressed to Mrs. Croker) is dated 12 Aug. 1841, but 12 days before his death. This letter is said by Jennings in the "The Croker Papers," to be probably the last letter ever written by Hook.

These remarkable letters cover the latter half of the Novelist's career. Regarded as Lord Hertford's parasite, Theodore Hook is "immortalised" by Thackeray and Disraeli. By the former as "Mr. Wagg" in "Vanity Fair," and by the latter as "Lucian Gay" in "Coningsby."

Croker interested himself greatly in Hook's behalf, helping him considerably during his troubled life. The following extract from "The Croker Papers" will give some idea of the close friendship which existed between them:—

"There were two other matters in which Mr. Croker exerted himself at this period—one was an attempt to extricate Theodore Hook from the difficulties in which he had become entangled; the other was an earnest

effort to turn Benjamin Haydon, the painter, from the course upon which he had entered, and which ended in the tragedy of 1846. With regard to Theodore Hook, it need only be said briefly that he was arrested in 1823 for a debt of £12,000, due to the Government on account of defalcations which he had discovered in his accounts as Treasurer and Accountant-General of the Mauritius. A part at least of these defalcations seems to have been owing to the misconduct of a person employed by Mr. Hook. The system of filling offices of this kind by deputy was not a great success, either in Hook's hands or Thomas Moore's. Both appealed to Mr. Croker for advice or help, and neither went to him in vain. Throughout his life, indeed, Theodore Hook was indebted for a thousand acts of kindness to Mr. Croker. He lent him money; he induced others to subscribe for the relief of his necessities; the brilliant humorist repaired to him in trouble, as a weak nature will always fly, if it can, to a strong one . . . ."

Theodore Hook was "the most brilliant improvisatore, whether with the pen or at the piano, that England has ever seen."

More notorious perhaps than famous, his notoriety rests upon his editorship of the famous newspaper known as *John Bull*, a position secured for him by Sir Walter Scott.

This paper was established in 1820 to counteract the popular enthusiasm for George IV's Queen (Caroline).

Hook proved the prince of lampooners, and obtained for his disreputable paper similar notoriety as that gained by the earlier *Craftsman* and the *North Briton*. The Whig aristocracy were frightened from countenancing the Court of Queen Caroline of Brandenburg House. "The national movement was arrested and George IV. had mainly *John Bull* to thank for that result."

Hook's novels were popular and the best-known are "Passion and Principle," "Cousin William," "Gervase Skinner," and "Martha, The Gipsy."

The present Correspondence is UNPUBLISHED with the exception of the last two letters, which are printed, one *in extenso*, the other only in part, in "The Croker Papers."

The collection also comprises some interesting and important letters from Hook's relatives, including his brother James Hook, the Dean of

Worcester, his nephews W. F. Hook, Dean of Chichester, and Robert Hook. These letters are also UNPUBLISHED, and contain important references to Theodore Hook.

Moreover, the collection comprises THE ORIGINAL SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR THE FUND RAISED TO SUPPORT HOOK'S WIFE AND CHILDREN after his death. Included in this list is H.R.H. Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, who became King of Hanover (£500) and who was the only one of all Hook's aristocratic patrons to subscribe. This subscription is referred to in the *Dictionary of National Biography* together with the fact that all but one of his "patrons" omitted to subscribe.

A very brief resumé of the contents of this Correspondence is given below.

The writer refers to his debt to Great Britain and to Croker's advising him to surrender to the Government. Hook desires to do the right thing under the circumstances. "I am ready to do anything and everything I can to atone for the only crime which I can charge myself with, a remissness in the superintendence of people in an office over whose appointments I had no control, and for whose fidelity I had all the responsibility and no security. You, I know, will do what you can for me."

Hook complains of the length of time he is being kept in prison, and in a letter dated 28 *March* 1825 mentions that it will be 26 months by the following week. In another letter he refers to Sir Thomas Lawrence's death, and to a portrait of Boswell by that artist, knowing that Croker was then preparing his famous edition of "Boswell's Life of Johnson." He states that he had a great admiration for Lawrence, and the sketch of Boswell being unique, Hook thought that Croker would like to know of it.

In the next letter the sketch is again mentioned. "As to the sketch of Bozzy it is Lawrence I know, because it was done by him with fifty others in a sketch book peculiarly his own, at the house of my friend Mrs. Dunham, where in other days he passed all his evenings." Mentions Fanny Kemble whom Hook saw for the first time in Belveden.

Another letter refers to the restoration of Don Carlos of Spain which he thinks is certain : " I should not be surprised if he were eating his dinner at Madrid this very day with Espartero as *croupier*." He agrees with Croker that the Privy Councillor's Shakespearean researches " are extremely interesting."

There are several references in many of these letters to his patron Lord Hertford, and Hook also mentions his book " Tentamen " (a satire upon Queen Caroline and Alderman Wood which achieved no little success) and also his edition of Fleury's " Life of an Actor," etc., etc., etc.

The last two letters are particularly interesting—one being addressed to Mrs. Croker. The one to Mrs. Croker is dated 12 Aug. 1841; Hook died twelve days later (Aug. 24th). Jennings says that this letter " is probably the last he ever wrote." They are both published in " The Croker Papers." The letters are :—

1. " Many thanks, my dear Sir, for your kind note, and the kind invitation it contains, to accept which would be to me perfect happiness; but I have somehow worried my *small* mind into the state which has affected my once *large* body, and I am not only wholly unfit to make visits, but I do not think I should be able to endure the journey, even by railroad. I have not been out since last Monday fortnight, and have a dread of moving hardly describable, but I think I *must* make an effort in my little carriage to call on Mrs. Croker while she is at Kensington."

2. " My dear Mrs. Croker,

" I have each day this week tried to rally myself sufficiently to get to Kensington in my little carriage, but I am not able. From a kind invitation in Mr. Croker's last letter to me, I fancy you return to Alverbank tomorrow or Saturday, which makes me regret missing the pleasure of seeing you the more, as I fear you will be gone again. I am *exceedingly* unwell, and so weak that I can scarcely cross the room.

" I hope that your travellers found benefit from their excursion. I believe *myself* past that, for I have really not the strength to move. This uncongenial wretched weather, I am told, is moreover much against invalids. However, I suppose I am mending, as I can eat three oysters for luncheon, and a little mutton broth for dinner; but for nineteen days I tasted literally nothing.



"I write because I cannot personally present my regards and compliments to you all, but it is with great regret, for I was most anxious to see you, which, when you get away to your delightful mansion, I shall have no chance of doing. At least I see none at present," etc.

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Thanking Croker for the interest he is taking on his behalf and relative to the state of his uncle's (Theodore Hook) affairs. "It is a sad, sad business to think that such talents were wasted," etc.

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In the first letter Hook informs Croker of his uncle's (Theodore) illness. He had called in Dr. Ferguson who says he may "rally a little or remain in his present state some days." The letter ends, "I fear this world is very nearly closed upon him."

Another letter announces Theodore Hook's death and gives a few important details of his life.

Accompanying the letter dated 9 Oct. 1841, is the list of subscribers to the fund raised for the relief of Hook's family. The letter suggests that Croker might approach Sir R. Peel and the Duke of Wellington.

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In another he mentions the Catholic Emancipation Bill: "I have never felt much anxiety respecting them (the details of the Bill) provided the two great points—the repeal of all disabling and disqualifying Statutes, and a position for the Catholic Clergy—be secured. Securities may be expedient for allaying the apprehensions of our English friends; and I know that some of the new Converts are so thin-skinned as to require a pretty thick security Plaister to keep them steady in their seats." There are references to Naval Pensioners and the ships sold out of the Navy.

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